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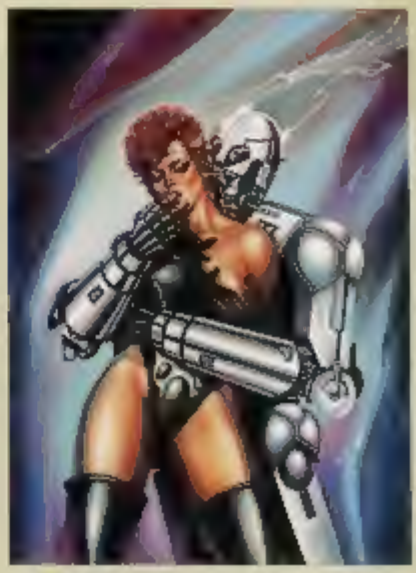

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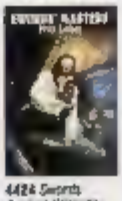

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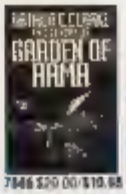

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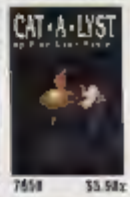

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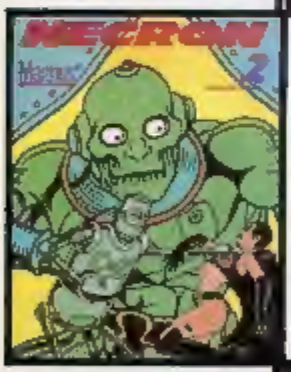

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CAN I HELP YOU, SIR ?
I'M AFRAID NOT MY GOOD MAN
OH THEN COME IN YOU'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE INSIDE.
NOT A NICE DAY, I'M AFRAID.
YOU ARE RIGHT ! THE AIR IS TOO STILL. THE SKY IS THE COLOR OF A TROUT'S BELLY AND FULL OF WHITE CLOUDS. THE RAIN WILL BE COMING SOON
AS THAT SO ? RECENTLY, THE RAIN SEEMS TO REALLY BE FAVORING US. YOU MUST KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT SECURITY IN THIS CITY WOULD YOU LIKE SOME CHOCOLATE ?
NO, NO DIABETES YOU KNOW.
BUT LET ME JUST EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU
WAS CHOSEN AS THE HEAD OF SECURITY IN THE CITY OF ECCENVILLE* BECAUSE OF MY SIZE AND BECAUSE OF MY VERY LONG AND STRONG ARMS. ALSO SEEM TO BE IMPERVIOUS TO BULLETS AND OTHER INJURIES. SOME PEOPLE CONSIDER ME A KIND OF NATURAL PHENOMENON
HO HO
HOWEVER ECCENVILLE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CRIME RIDDEN AND I'M FORCED TO KEEP AN EYE AT MY BACK, WHERE THEY KEEP BEGINNING THE GROUND BUT DON'T LIKE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY GET VERY DIRTY

* HERE COMES NO ONE.

AHAHAH... I'M HERE NOW IN SEARCH OF HUMANITY!
OF COURSE YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING IN MY KINGDOM OR PRICE YOU CAN EVEN TURN POWER INTO GAL
NOT A GOOD IDEA I AM SURPRISED TO SEE IT AN CLOCKWAY ADVISORS, ON LEFT AND MY RIGHT ARMS HERE IN YOUR SHOP THEY CHOSE THIS PLACE AS OUR RENDEZVOUS AND I'M WAITING FOR THEM. IT IS BOTH MY DUTY AND MY PLEASURE TO ELIMINATE FROM ECCENTRICO ALL TRACES OF THE SAMURAI-MAN PLAGUE!!!
AND U TELL YOU A LITTLE SECRET
THE CREATURE BEHIND ME FROM MY WORK ARE THE TRIPS HAVE TO OTHER DIMENSIONS
WHEN THOSE BALLAST HEADS OF WHITE PAPER PIE TO SEE HOW WELL THEIR DEMOCRACIES ARE DOING
WE CONSIDER THEM FOOD, BUT THEY HAVE MANY HIDDEN POWERS... HAVE VISITED SOME FANTASTIC PLACES AND SO MANY WOMEN WERE OFFERED TO ME WHEN I WENT TO AFRICA
WHO IS THIS ECCENTRICO

BY SAINT MONO CHROME

STOP THAT, I SAY!

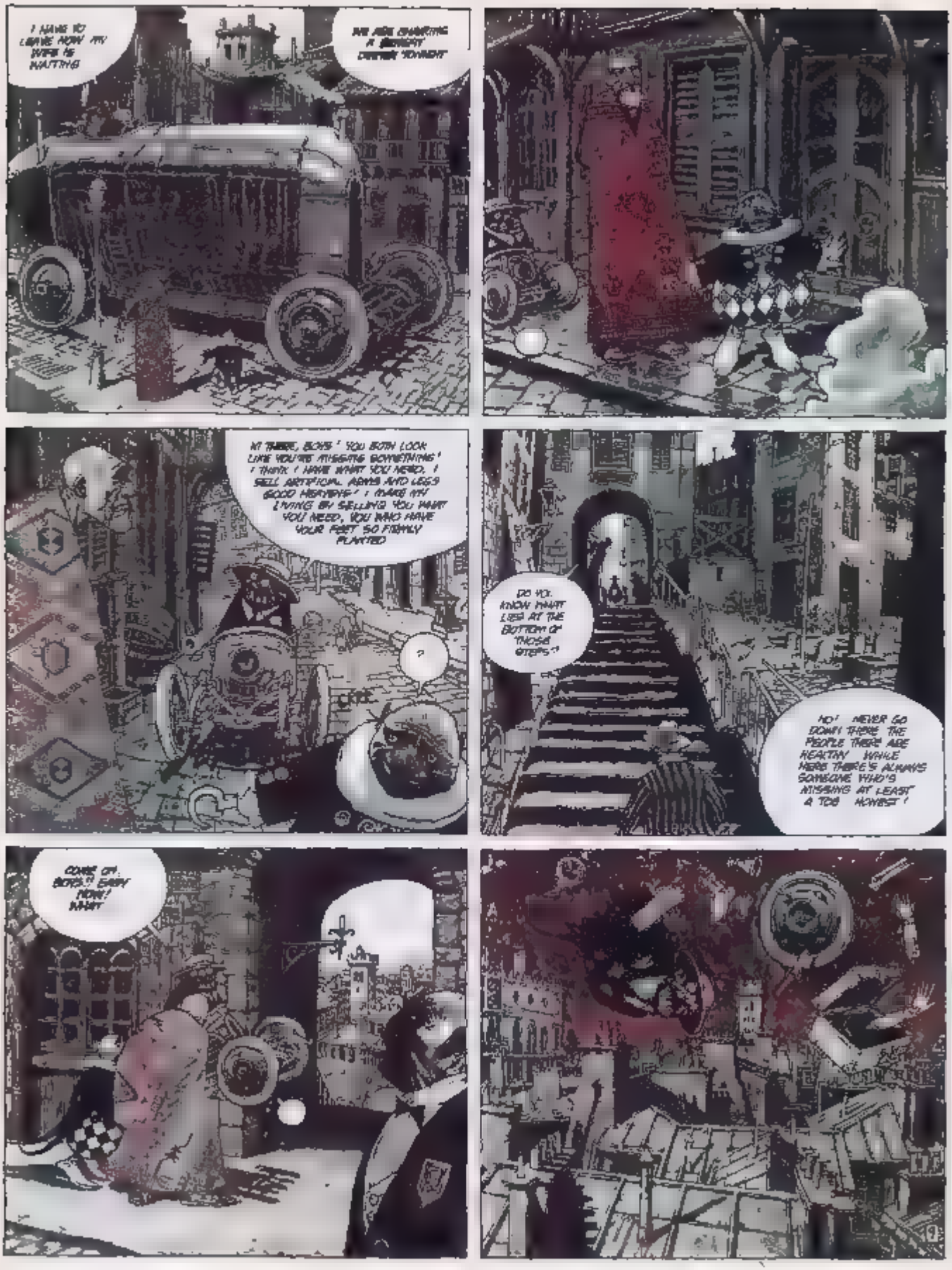
YOU?
HELLO BOSS

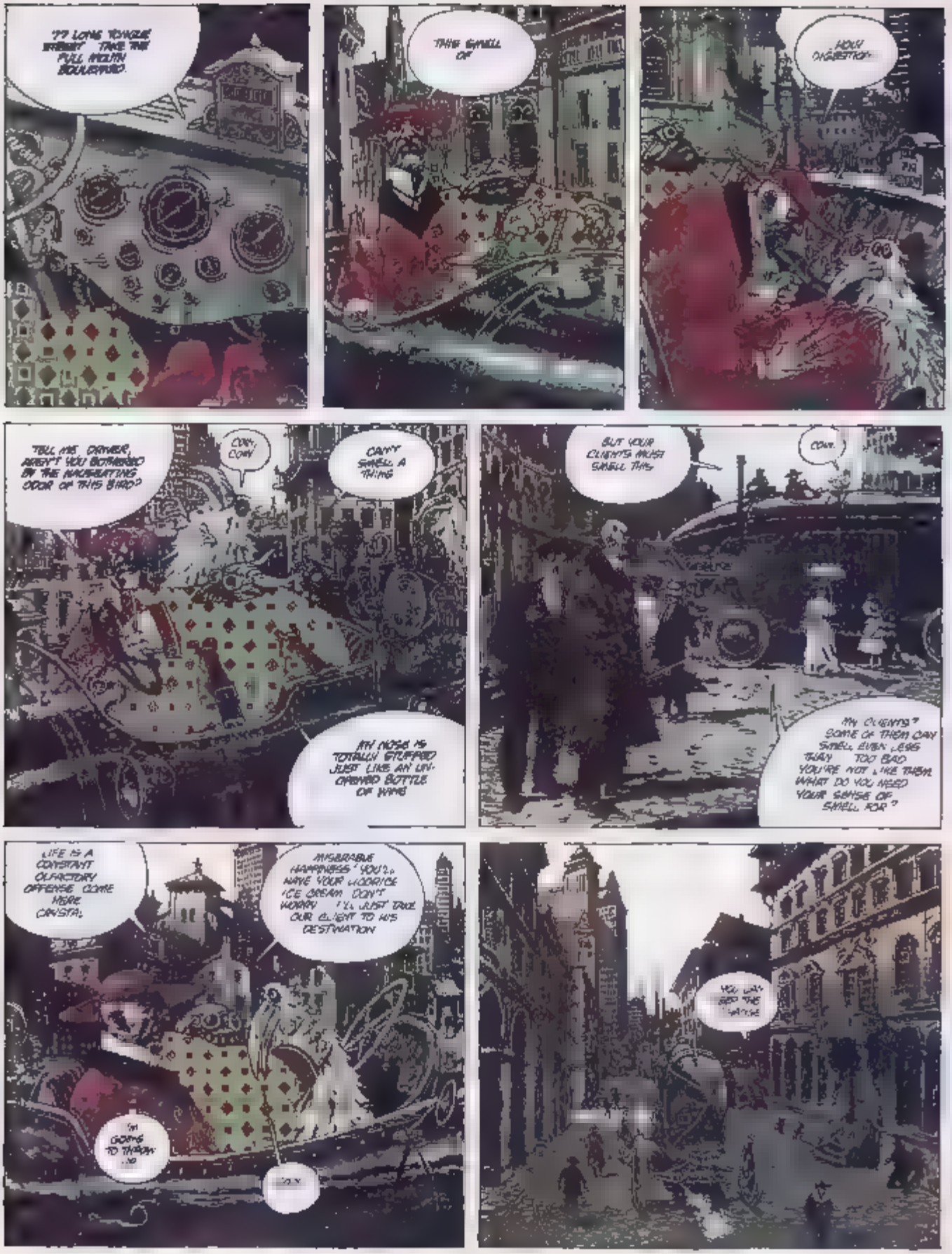
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS MASQUERADE?
WAIT, LET US EXPLAIN

WHY AND HOW!
DON'T WANT TO KNOW. I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE AND ITS RIDICULOUS INHERITANCE! I WILL SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY IN MY OFFICE! YOU MIGHT GO WELL TO EXPECT

BUT, SIR, WAIT FOR US
FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN HIT BY A BOUT OF MONTEZUMA'S REVENGE IT MUST BE THE CHOCOLATE! MY PANCREAS IS REALLY ACTING UP

PLAYFUL?
THIS LITTLE MASQUERADE AS YOU CALL IT HAD THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING YOU, IN A PLAYFUL WAY TO A NEW CONCEPT TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE VIOLENCE IN ECOBAHLO.
OUR IDEA IS VERY SIMPLE. LET'S DREAM 'UP A CARNIVAL, AN ENORMOUS MASQUERADE PARTY AND IN-VITE THE ENTIRE CITY.
THIS IS NO TIME FOR ANOTHER PARTY!
OF COURSE IT IS THE PEOPLE OF ECOBAHLO REALLY NEED TO HAVE SOME FUN TO RELAX
WHY DON'T YOU INVITE THEM TO A CARNIVAL WHERE EVERYTHING WILL BE PERMITTED. THE FREEDOM WILL GO TO THEIR HEADS
THEY CAN JUST GO AHEAD AND KILL EACH OTHER. IF THEY WANT! HUMAN NATURE NEEDS MOMENTS OF RELEASE LIKE THESE
AFTER A WEEK OF FESTIVITIES, ECOBAHLO WILL BE CALM FOR A LONG TIME!
GENTLEMEN, YOUR PROPOSAL IS ABSOLUTELY SHOCKING! YOU THINK YOU CAN SOLVE THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM BY HOLDING EVERYONE TOWARD COLLECTIVE DEBAUCHERY?! THINK NOT!


I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW. MY WIFE IS WAITING
WE ARE EXPECTING A BENEFIT DINNER TONIGHT
HI THERE, BOYS! YOU BOTH LOOK LIKE YOU'RE MISSING SOMETHING! I THINK I HAVE WHAT YOU NEED. I SELL ARTIFICIAL ARMS AND LEGS GOOD HEAVENS! I MAKE MY LIVING BY SELLING YOU WHAT YOU NEED, YOU WHO HAVE YOUR FEET SO FIRMLY PLANTED
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THOSE STEPS?
NO! NEVER GO DOWN THERE THE PEOPLE THERE ARE REALTHY WHILE HERE THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO'S MISSING AT LEAST A TOE HOWEST!
COME ON, BOYS! EARN NOW! WAIT


I'D LONG TONGUE BREEZY TAKE THE FULL MOON BOULEVARD.
THIS SMELL OF
HOW! DIGESTION
TELL ME, DRIVER, AREN'T YOU BOTHERED BY THE INCREASING ODOR OF THIS BIRD?
COO! COO!
CAN'T SMELL A THING
MY NOSE IS TOTALLY STUFFED JUST LIKE AN UN-OPENED BOTTLE OF WINE
BUT YOUR CLIENTS MUST SMELL THIS
COO.
MY CLIENTS? SOME OF THEM CAN SMELL EVEN LESS THAN TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT LIKE THEM. WHAT DO YOU NEED YOUR SENSE OF SMELL FOR?
LIFE IS A CONSTANT OLFACTORY OFFENSE COME HERE CRISTAL
MISERABLE HAPPINESS! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR LICORICE ICE CREAM DON'T WORRY I'LL JUST TAKE OUR CLIENT TO HIS DESTINATION
I'M GOING TO THROW UP
YUK
YOU CAN SEE THE HOUSE

HIS EXCELLENCY IN CHARGE OF SECURITY

HERE YOU ARE AT LAST BUT
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DINNER IS SERVED!
OH, YOU MUST BE SMELLING THE SAFFRON.

THE DINNER IS PRECEDED BY A WELL MEANING SPEECH IN FAVOR OF ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER. HIS EXCELLENCY'S WIFE CUTS IT SHORT AND FINALLY THE MOMENT ARRIVES
LET'S EAT!!

THIS FOOD LOOKS REALLY GOOD... I WON'T BE ABLE TO SWALLOW ANY OF IT!!
EAT MY DEAR, EAT!! WE DON'T WANT THE CITY'S REFRIGERATORS FULL OF LEFTOVERS!

AND WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME?
WAS TALKING TO AN TWO COUNSELORS IN A VERY SHADY LOCATION

WE WERE DISCUSSING OUR CITY'S PROBLEMS... AND ASKED THEM TO THINK ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH TO LEAD OUR FELLOW CITIZENS BACK TO THE FOLD. AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY SUGGESTED?
AMPUTATION FOR EVILDOERS? BURNING CRIMINALS TO JAIL? CASTRATING MARAUDERS?
NO, NO! THEY WANT TO ORGANIZE A CARNIVAL!
OH, WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS IDEA! YOU SAID YES, OF COURSE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY MARVELOUS? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS? IT WOULD BE GENOCIDE AND COMPLETE CHAOS. NO, NO. REFUSED! IT'S NOT A VIABLE SOLUTION TO OUR ILLS.
MY DEAR, YOU HAVE BE HAVED STUPIDLY HAVEN'T I SAID THIS MANY TIMES ALREADY?
DON'T HAVE A MONOPOLY ON STUPIDITY. WHAT WOULD THE MAYOR SAY IF I WERE TO BURDEN A CARNIVAL TO HIM?
HIS KIDS LOVING TO DRESS UP. SO DO I! OH, PLEASE, IT WOULD BE SUCH FUN! THE COSTUMES, THE MUSIC, THE GAIETY!
ARE YOU NOT HUNGRY?
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, I SUGGEST YOU GO HOME AND CHANGE! YOU SMELL DEADLY BAD!
PLEASE TAKE THIS, ENJOY IT! TAKE MY HUSBAND'S PLATE ALSO!

STOP WRIGGLIN' ABOUT
HOW'R I SUPPOSED TO DO MY JOB?
I HAVE VERY SENSITIVE FLAB!
CLASH!
HOLY BARBECUED MUTTON!
HAGANE
COME HELP ME!
I HADN'T LOOKED AT MY OLD CLOTHES IN AGES!
YEARS AGO, I REALLY ENJOYED GOING TO COSTUME PARTIES. DO YOU REMEMBER, MY POOR KIT WIT? I COULD FILL A PEW OUT FOR OUR CARNIVAL
IT'S ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE QUESTION
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW THAT PERSON THERE?
OF COURSE THAT'S POLIGATTO.

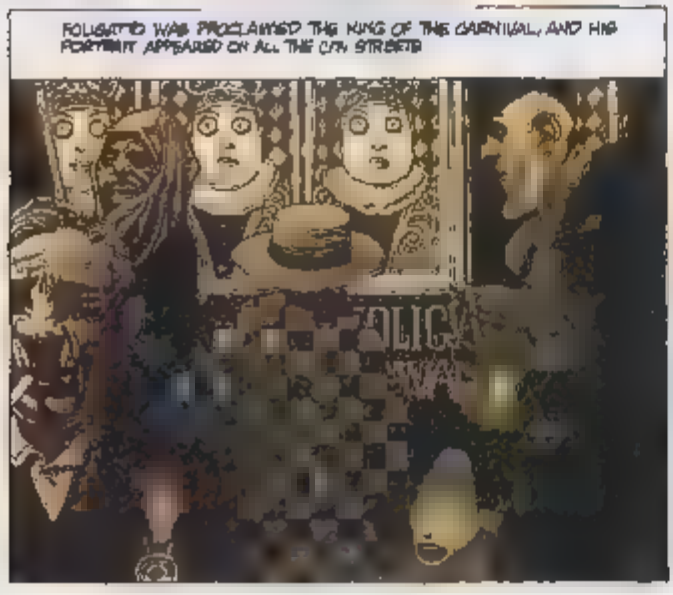
FOLGATTO, THE CASTRATED SINGER
HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ECORNHILLO. HE LEFT AS A YOUNG MAN TO SING ALL OVER THE WORLD...
AND HAS BECOME VERY FAMOUS.
BUT FOLGATTO HASN'T COME BACK TO OUR CITY IN YEARS.
HE IS VERY POPULAR AND WOULD BE A GREAT KING FOR OUR CARNIVAL. HE COULD GIVE A FEW CONCERTS. I'D LIKE YOU TO LISTEN TO ONE OF HIS RECENT RECORDINGS
HIS VOICE WILL CHARM YOU.
THIS WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO USE MY NEW RECORD PLAYER. LOOK AT THAT ORGANIC ARM THAT SWEET LITTLE ANIMAL WILL BRING OUT THE SOUND BY USING HIS PAW.
MY OLD COUSIN MORGUS GAVE IT TO ME! SHE ALWAYS LOVED A GOOD LAUGH!
CRRIZZ ZIZZRR
HOLY INDIGESTION!
THIS CAT IS STUCK MADAME
STOP THAT NOISE!! ALL RIGHT! GIVE IN!! I WILL TALK TO THE MAYOR TOMORROW ABOUT THE CARNIVAL! TOMORROW
ZOOQ Rai!!
YOU ARE A DEAR!
YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR SILENCE, BUT YOU CAN ALSO USE THE LIGHT SOMETIMES!
HOLY PURPLE! IT'S THE FIRST KISS SINCE WE GOT MARRIED!

QUITE SOMETIME LATER, AFTER SPRING HAD ARRIVED, THE MAYOR TOLD THE CITY OF BOCCANALLO OF THE UPCOMING CARNIVAL
CARNEVAL

THE TOWNSPEOPLE RECEIVED THE NEWS WITH RESERVED EXUBERANCE

WITH THE PROSPECT OF WONDEROUS FESTIVITIES THE CITIZENS ANGER BEGAN TO MELT LIKE RANCID BUTTER

MEN AND WOMEN, THE CHILDREN AND THE HANDICAPPED ALL BEGAN WORKING HARD IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE COSTUME PARTY


FOLGATTO WAS PROCLAIMED THE KING OF THE CARNIVAL, AND HIS PORTRAIT APPEARED ON ALL THE CITY STREETS

WHAT A GREAT IDEA HAD! ALL OUR CITIZENS ARE OBSESSED BY THE IDEA OF THE CARNIVAL WHICH IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH
AND WHEN THE PARTY BEGINS, THEY'LL FORGET THEIR RANCHANT FOR VIOLENCE THEIR HATRED FOR EACH OTHER THEIR LOVE FOR THE COLOR OF BLOOD.
WHAT A BASTARD
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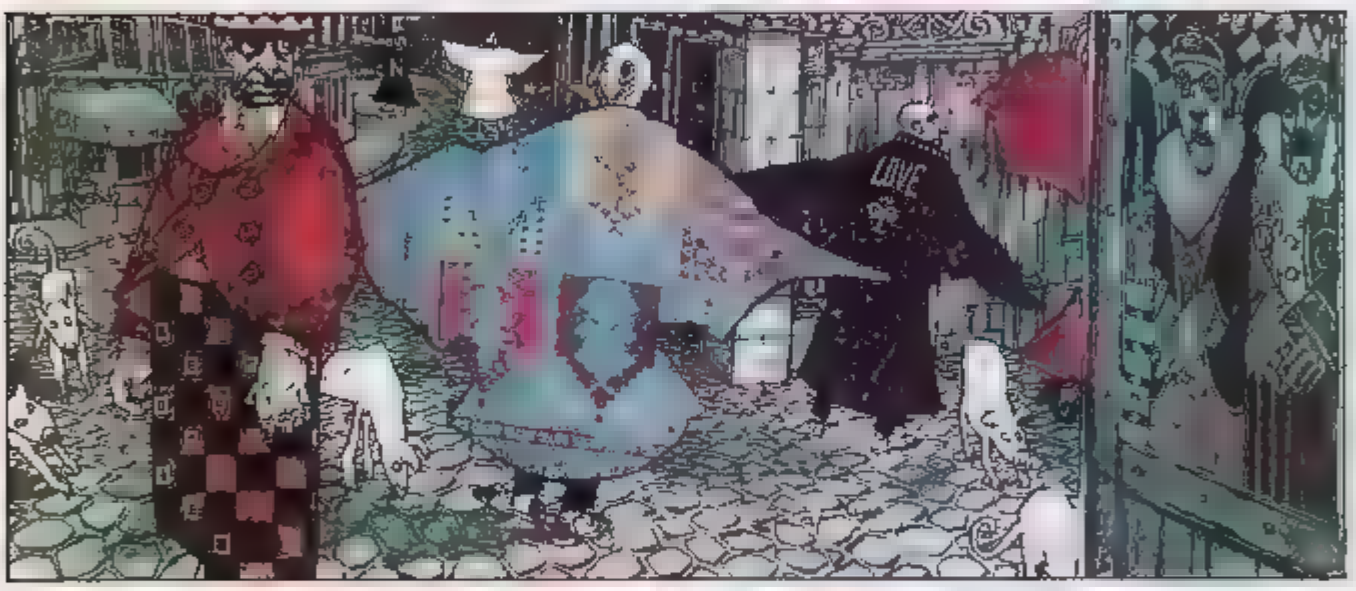
CAREFUL
DO YOU WANT TO HURT ME?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE ME THINK YOU ARE ABOUT TO COME TO MOTHER
RUSTY EXCREMENT
SEE, YOU'RE STILL SUFFERING FROM THAT BOUT WITH COLIC THE DENTIST IS HERE, AND HE'S READY FOR YOU
IT'S HIGH TIME I GAVE HIM AN EARFUL ARE DIRTY AND THEY HURT ME

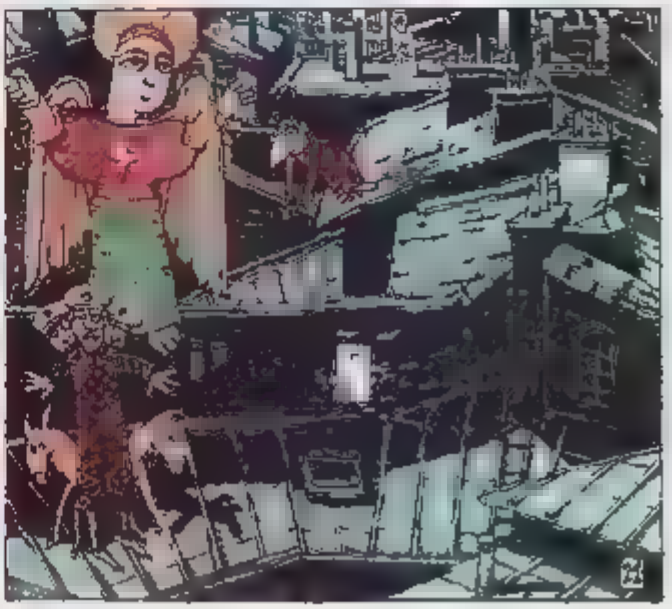
MY DEAR POLIGATTO, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT
OPEN THE MOUTH THAT BRINGS FORTH YOUR DIVINE VOICE
BUT WHAT DO I SEE HERE ROTTEN TEETH!
AND... WHAT DO I SEE HERE
A CAVITY
AM I HURTING YOU?
NO, I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME PEOPLE THAT I DEEPLY DESPISE
LET THE DENTIST GET ON WITH HIS WORK WE'RE ALMOST THERE
THAT'S WHY I FEEL HAUNTED.
WHY, MY DEAR? YOUR NATIVE CITY PAYS HOMAGE TO YOU YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY!
AND YOU'LL BE BRINGING YOUR FAMILY.
THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN FOR DECADES...
THAT'S JUST IT. THE THOUGHT OF IT IS MAKING ME SICK!

THEY MUST'VE CHANGED, AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS
I REMEMBER THEM AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY. I HATE THEM WITH ALL MY HEART
COME ON, COME ON CALM DOWN!
MY DEAR, POLIGNANO, I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU ONCE AGAIN TO BOCCANERA, THE CITY WHERE YOU WERE BORN
ALL FEEL LIKE SAYING IS YES!
A CAR IS WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE. WE MUST BE ON IN THE FESTIVITIES.
WHEN DO I HAVE TO SING?
TONIGHT FOR A SELECT FEW AND TOMOR ROW FOR THE PEOPLE
WHAT BEAUTIFUL COLORS AND LOOK AT THOSE COSTUMES. THEY'RE MAGNIFICENT
LOOKS LIKE DIARRHEA!

PLEASE BEHAVE, POLIGATTO MIKE IS THE MAYOR
WILL YOU SAY A FEW WORDS TO YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS ?
NO WAY!
JUST A WORD OR TWO
WILL MAKE A SPEECH ONLY IF I'M ALLOWED TO STAMMER
LET'S X!
FOLLOW ME TO THE BALCONY, POLIGATTO OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU
LOOK, POLIGATTO
THAT THING OVER THERE IS ME? THAT'S GROTESQUE !

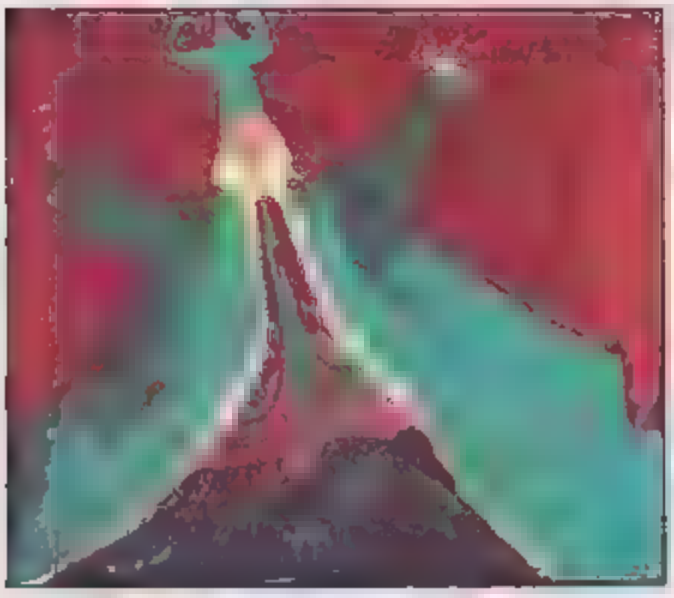
HERE IS THE CITY'S GOLDEN PISTOL
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT FOR ECCENTRILO
OH WHAT A PRETTY TOY. DO YOU HAVE THE SAME THING IN CHOCOLATE ?
THE GRIP WOULD MELT IN MY HAND AND...
I WOULD ATTRACT FLIES
...LET THE CARNIVAL BEGIN.


LOVE



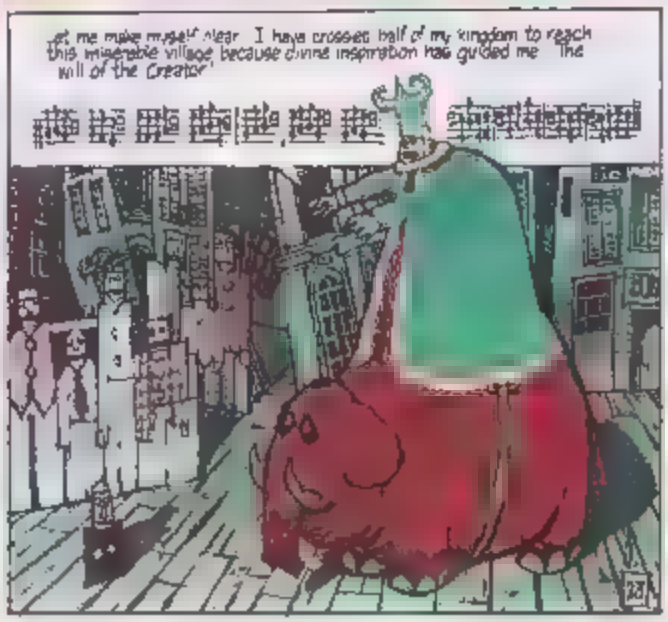
THE FIRST DAY OF THE CARNIVAL COMES TO AN END AND SOME OF ECCENTRILLO'S CITIZENS PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR A LONG NIGHT
WHILE OTHERS PUT THEIR FEET AND MUSCLES TO A SEVERE TEST TRYING TO REACH THE OLD SLAUGHTERHOUSE WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A THEATER
ALL SEATS TAKEN
SHOULD HAVE WORN MORE PERFUME
MUST THERE BE A SMELL OF MEAT HERE VEAL, STEAK AND HAMBURGER
WHERE IS SIGATTO
HE'S IN HIS DRESSING ROOM, WITH HIS FLIES
FATHER! YOU KNOW THAT I EAT ONLY LIVE FLIES!
BUT HE
YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE TO, TO KEEP MY VOICE
SO WHY DID YOU BRING ME DEAD FLIES WITH BASIL AND ONIONS?
FOLIGATTO, YOU'RE ON IN TWO MINUTES!

DURING THE LAST AGONIZING MOMENTS OF HIS ILLNESS- A CANCER CAUSED BY ABSENCE OF LAUGHTER-- THE COMPOSER FOULHAZE CREATED THE OPERA WHICH WILL FOLLOW. HE WAS INSPIRED BY THE DARK HILLS THAT SURROUND ECCENIA. "THEIR PEAKS ATTRACT YOU TOWARD THE ENDLESS VOID," HE USED TO SAY.



ON HIS DEATHBED, FOULHAZE EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT FOLIGATTO INTERPRET THE ROLE OF JANUS THE FIRST

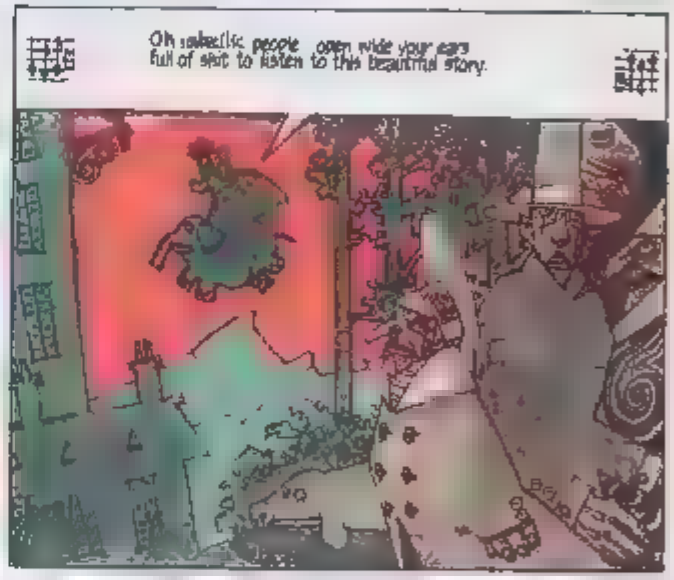
Silence gentlemen here comes his Majesty Janus


Let me make myself clear. I have crossed half of my kingdom to reach this miserable village because divine inspiration has guided me. The will of the Creator

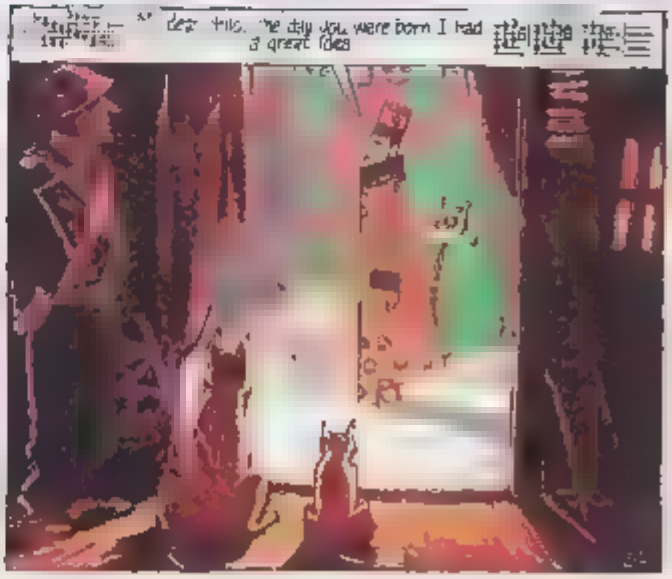
Oh, ignorant people I will turn my strong vital body toward those unexplored peaks
CAFE

The voyage will be long and riddled with pitfalls... some comfy, some long, some short

What are the motives, your Highness, that push you so far from your home ?


Oh sakellic people open wide your ears full of zest to listen to this beautiful story.

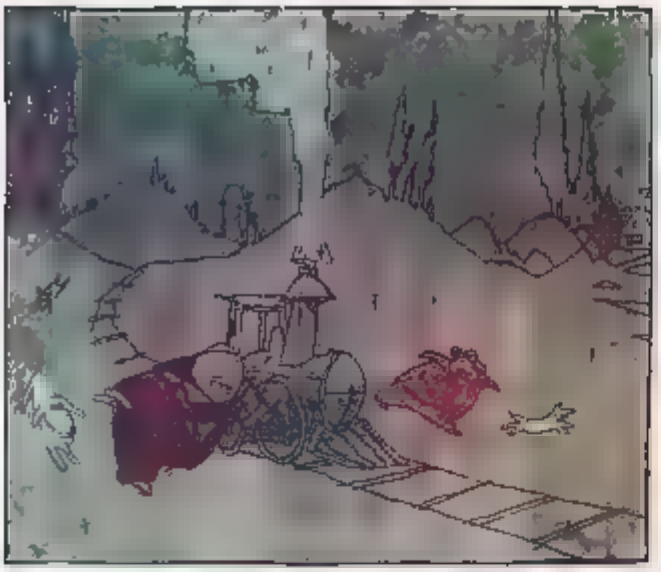
It all started when I was very young and still on my father's lap

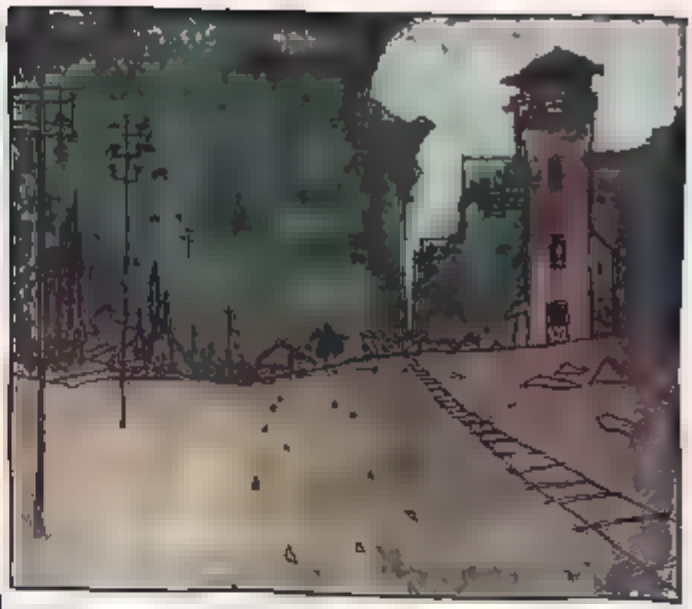

Dear Trio, the day you were born I had a great idea

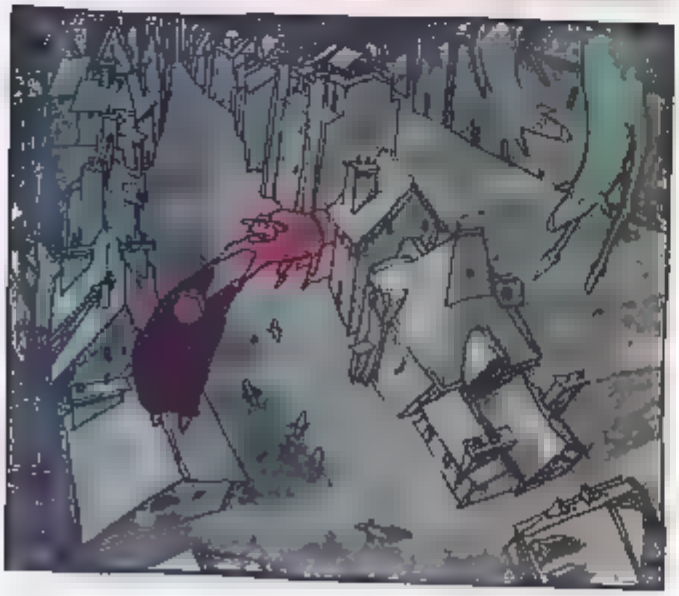
I decided to build a wine producing cathedral
and name it after you
BRAVO
BRAVO, POLIGATTO AN EXCELLENT INTERPRETATION
GET READY SOMEONE IS HERE TO SEE YOU!

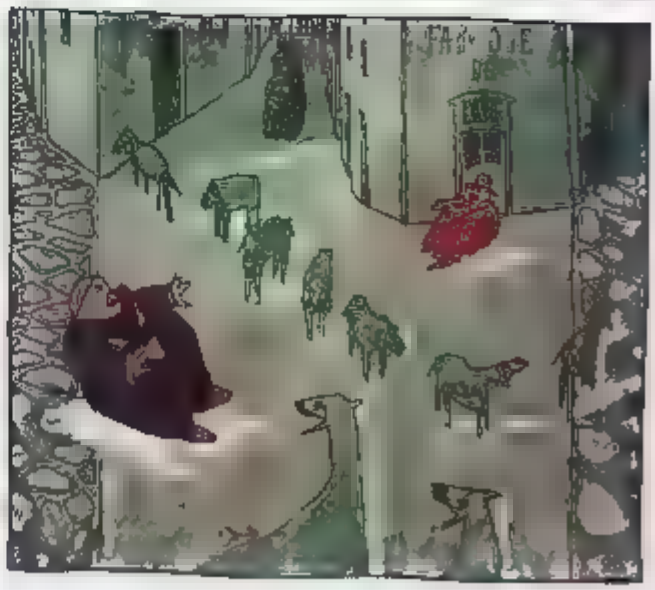
YOUR FAMILY!!
THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED.
JUST A LITTLE GRAVEL AND MATTER
UNCLE BATAVIA.
HIS LOVE FOR TREES PUSHED HIM TO TEAR THEIR SOLIDITY ON MY YOUNG FLESH
AUNT MOUTH AND HER SISTER, CLOSET
THOSE TWO ARE DEAF AND DUMB THEIR HANDICAP ENABLES THEM TO KEEP THE FAMILY SECRETS
MY COUSINS ! THEIR FAVORITE GAME MAKING THEIR MUSCLES GROW. THEY OPENED A GYM WHERE ALL THE SCUM OF THE AREA GOES TO INCREASE BI-CEPS AND DECREASE THEIR BRAIN MATTER
MY MOTHER'S ADOPTED BROTHER CAN NEITHER READ NOR WRITE HIS FATHER IS IN PRISON, HE'S A DISLEXIC MINISTER THEY ARE ALL DISGUSTING!
REVOLTING! I AM BORED

LET SLEEP TAKE ME BINDS THE DEVIL CAN'T!
WE SHOULD LEAVE HIM ALONE!
FEEL THAT SOMETHING IS MISSING
SOME THING VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO ME









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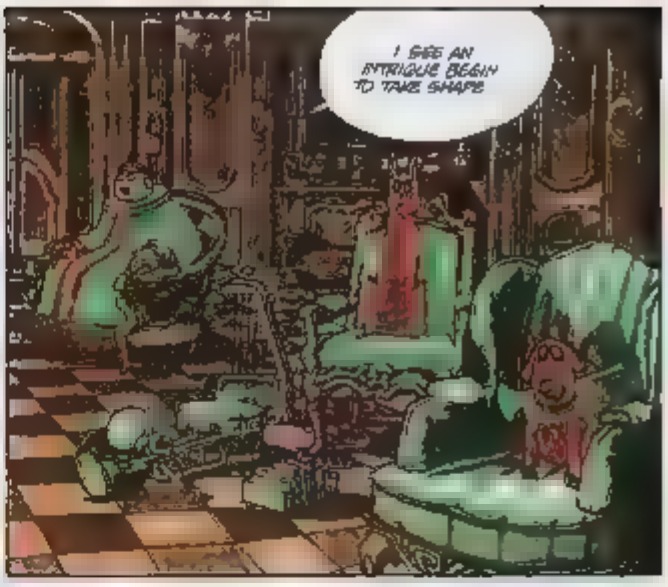
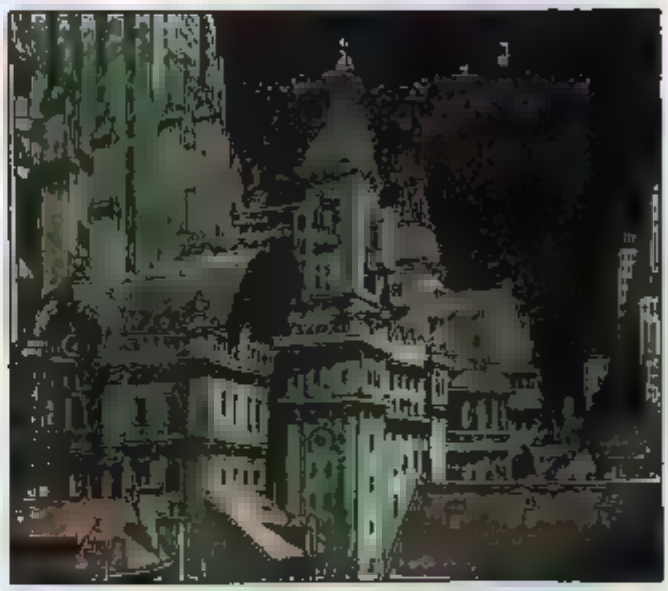
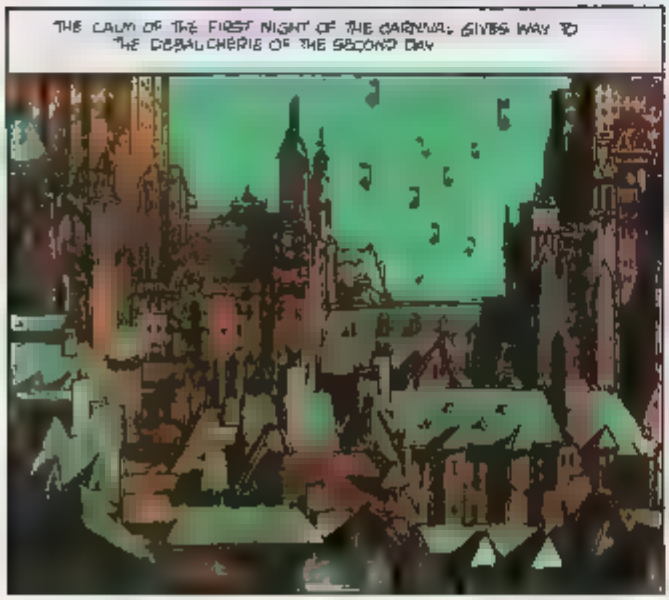

I SEE AN INTRIGUE BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE

DEBAD NATURES ANOMALIES.

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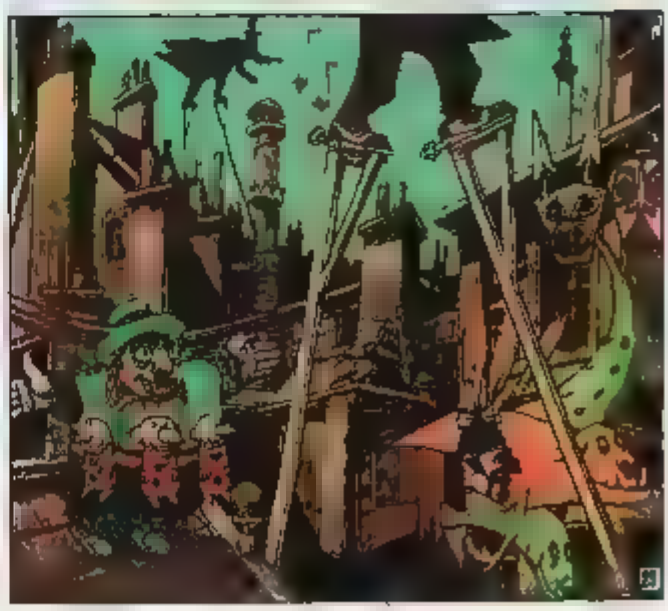

WHAT A STUNNING SUCCESS!
PEOPLE ARE FINALLY HAVING FUN ON OUR STREETS

YOUR SATISFICATION IS MY SOLE REWARD MAYOR
STOP FLATTERING ME LET'S TOAST THIS EVENT!
TO BACCHINILO'S CONTINUED HEALTH!
SIR, THE CARNIVAL'S FIRST VICTIM.
NOT A BAD RECORD.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR CARNIVAL?

NOTHING
YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FACT THAT THE CITY OF ECCENTRILLO IS USING YOU AND THE CARNIVAL TO RENDER ITS PEOPLE HARMLESS
I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I REPRESENT BUT THE CITY IS RIGHT THOSE CRIMINALS SHOULD ALL BE PUT TO DEATH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I REPRESENT"?
AND DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY?
WHAT I BELIEVE IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
AND AS FAR AS WHAT I SAY IT'S WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY, ISN'T IT?
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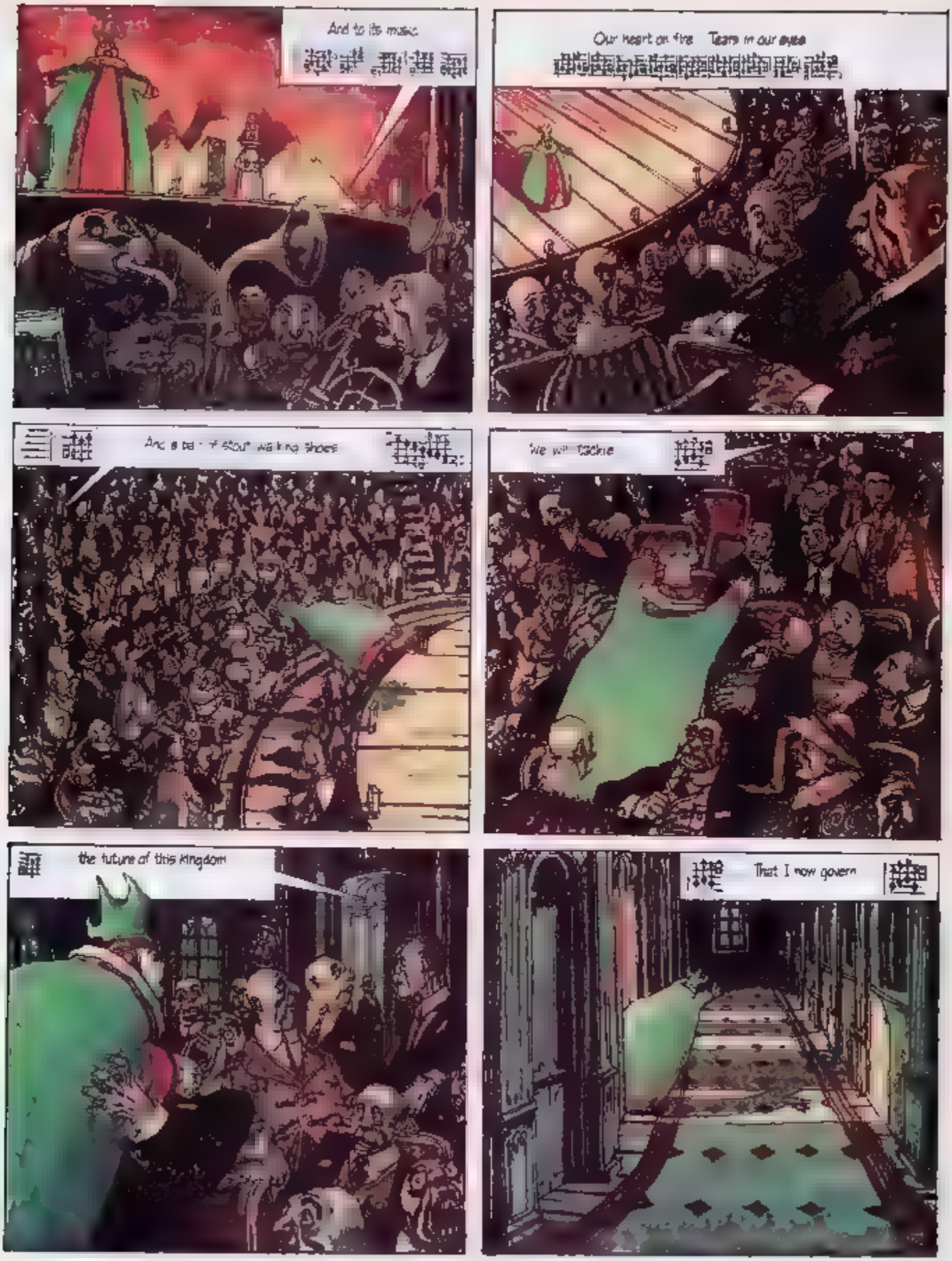
THAT EVENING, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONCERT
Let us go, my friends, toward the magic mountain...
That hides within its bosom,
Our people's happiness!
...let the royal orchestra play
...its thousand instruments
...And to its music... Our heart...


And to its music
Our heart on fire Tears in our eyes
We will tackle
the future of this kingdom
That I now govern

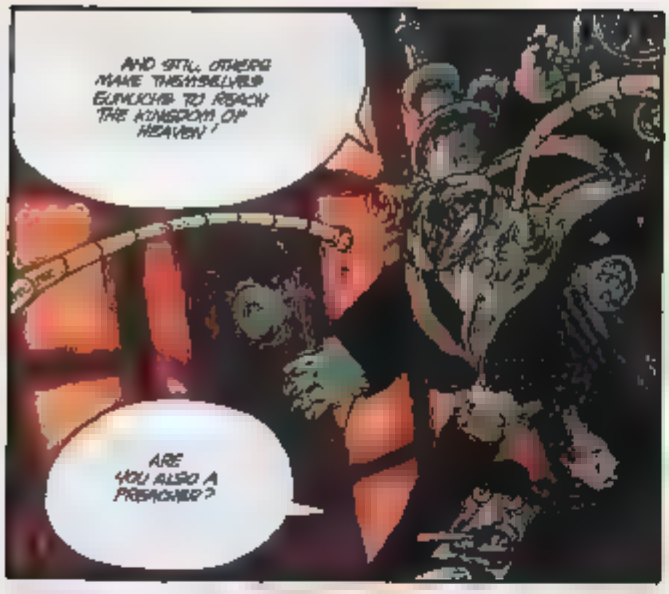
CALL A DOCTOR, QUICK!
A DOCTOR FOR FOLIGATTO.
And to its music..
Our heart on fire
OH GOD! FOLIGATTO IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK!
Tears in our eyes And a pair of stout walking shoes
we will "guide the future of this kingdom

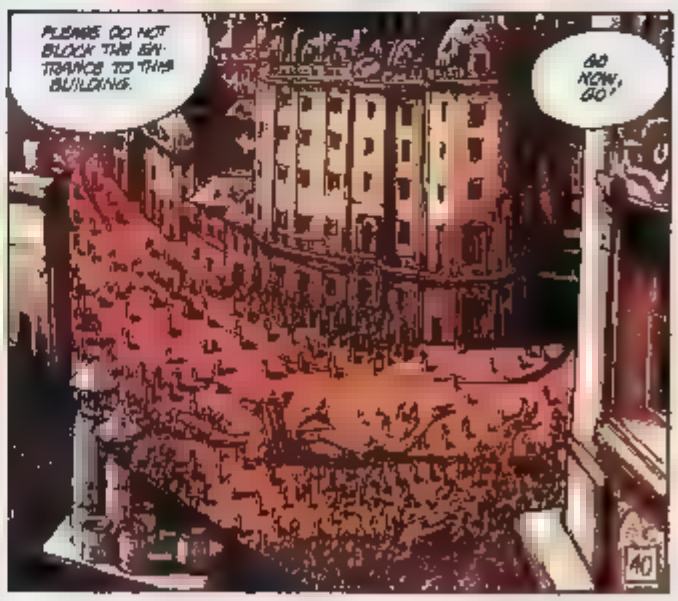
ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE CARNIVAL, WHICH USUALLY LASTS FIVE DAYS, POLIGNATO'S VOICE IS HEARD ON THE LIPS OF SEVERAL CITIZENS OF BOCCENAILO
That I govern
AND THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FESTIVITIES INCREASED TO DIZZYING HEIGHTS
POLIGNATO IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK. NO DOCTOR CAN EXPLAIN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS VOICE
A BUNCH OF INCOMPETENTS
THEIR DEGREES ARE WORTHLESS
STOP SNIVELLING! YOU'LL DROWN US WITH YOUR TEARS!
KNOCK KNOCK

GOOD EVENING, MY FRIENDS
MAY I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING THE FATHER OF OUR POOR POLIGATTO.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
MY NAME IS DOCTOR BALLISTIC AND MY SPECIALTY IS THE DEAF AND DUMB. DEAFNESS AND ALL ITS RELATED ILLNESSES HOLD NO SECRETS FOR ME
I AM VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR SON'S CASE
I KNOW HOW TO CURE A MALFUNCTIONING PLACENTA AND ASTHENIA
MY EQUIPMENT IS MODERN AND VERY EFFECTIVE
IT WILL HELP ME DISCOVER THE ROOTS OF HIS ILLNESS.
DO YOUR BEST DOCTOR THE ENTIRE CITY IS WAITING FOR HIM TO APPEAR ON THE STAGE ONCE AGAIN!
AT LEAST FOR THE LAST NIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT
IN ECCENTRILO'S MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

LET'S SEE WHAT THE DOCTOR HAS AILS TO ACHIEVE THIS AFTERNOON
WHAT ?
YOU THINK THAT
CRRC
HAC-CA-CRRC
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ?
OH
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM, YOU PERVERT !
THERE ARE EUNUCHS WHO ARE BORN THAT WAY OUT OF THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB, OTHERS ARE MADE EUNUCHS BY MAN....





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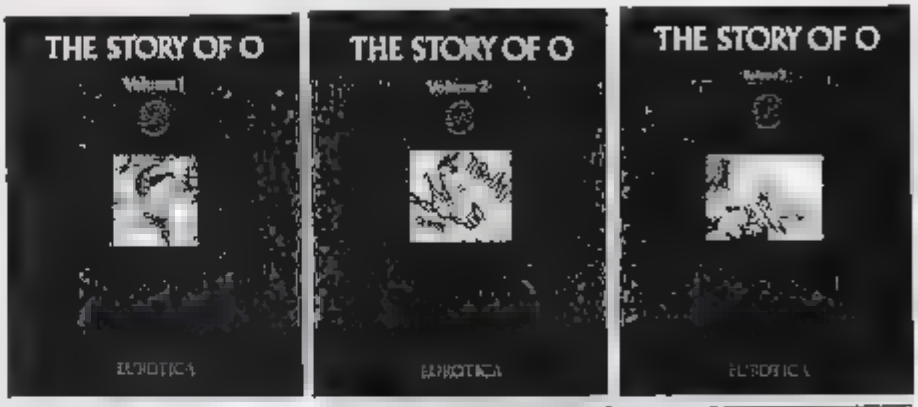

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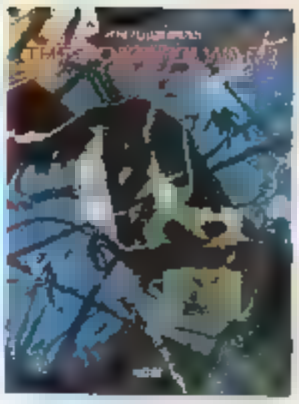

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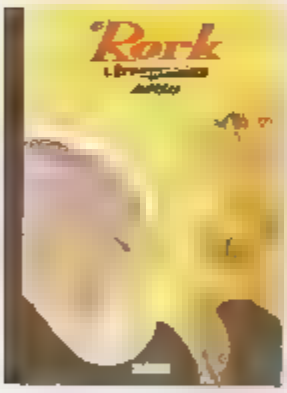

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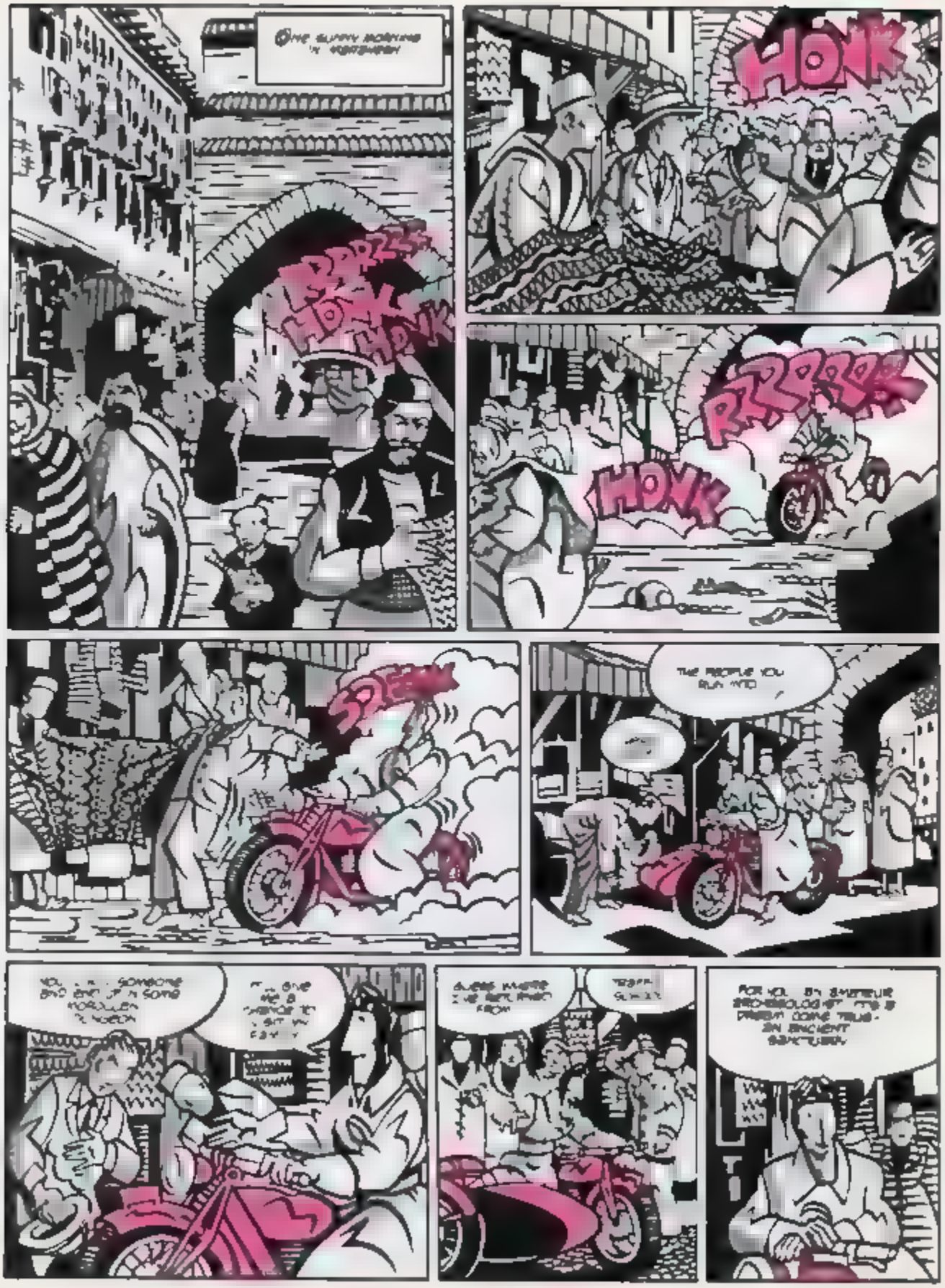
HONK
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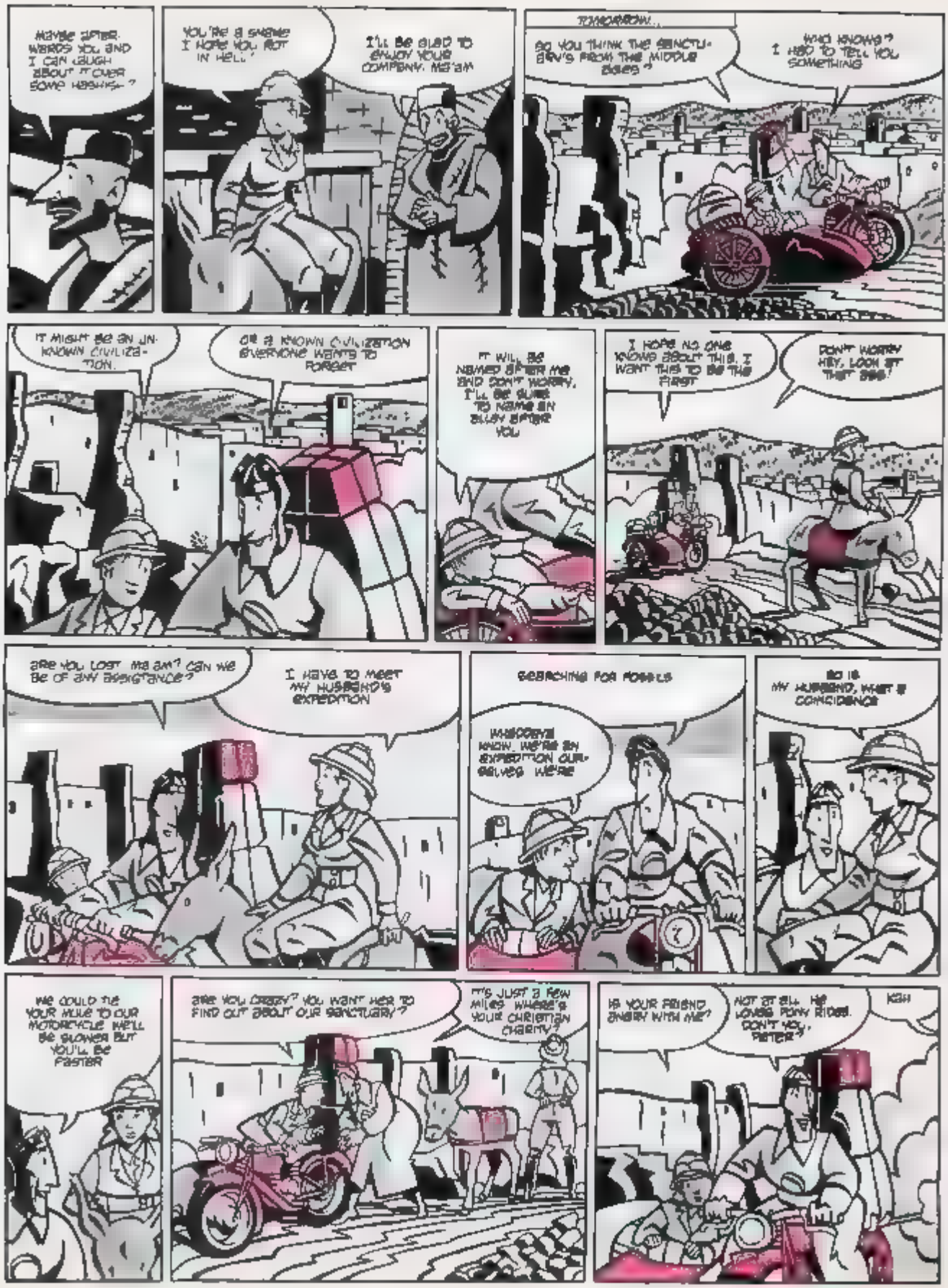
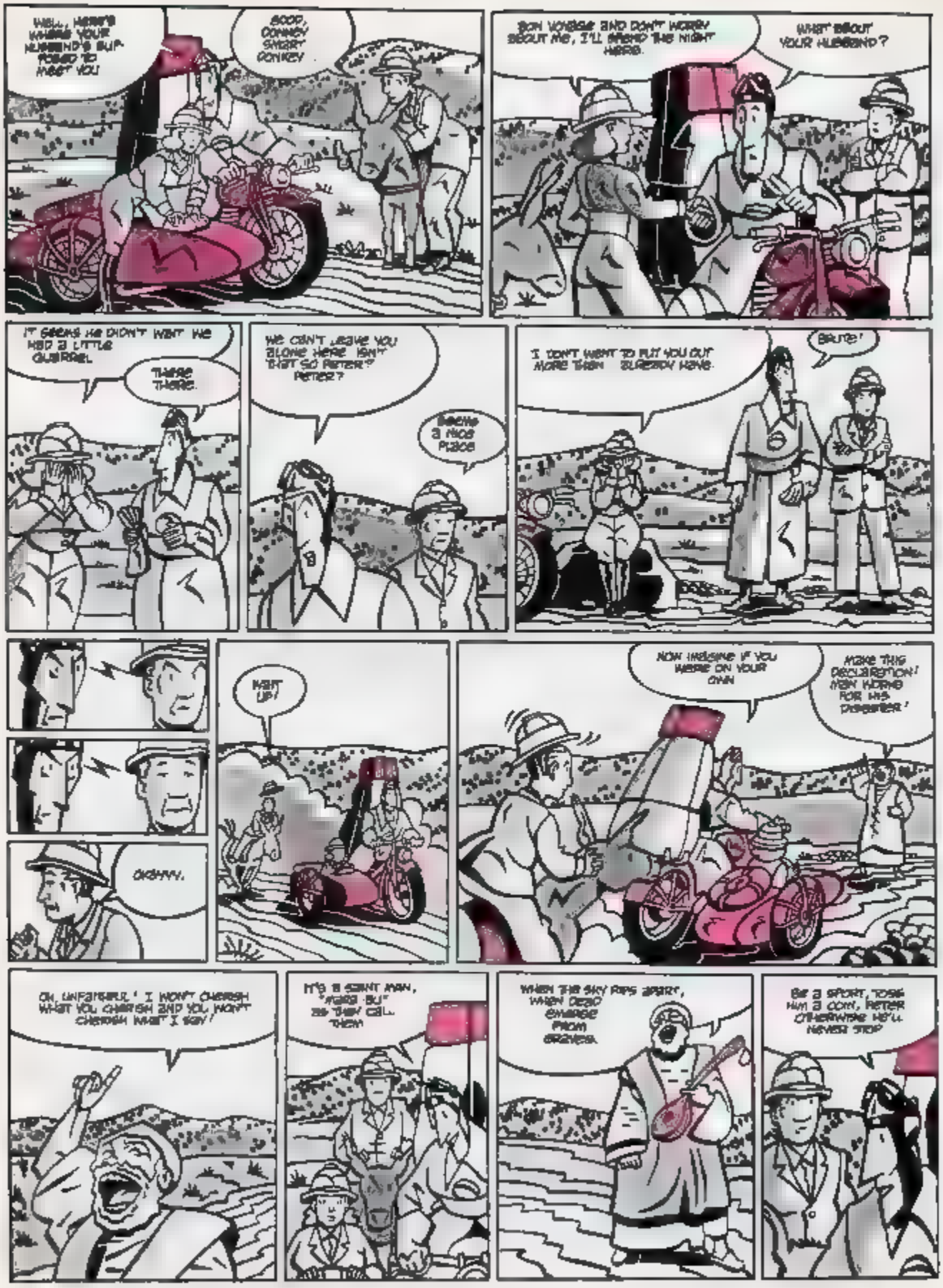
RRRRRR
HONK
THE PEOPLE YOU RUN INTO

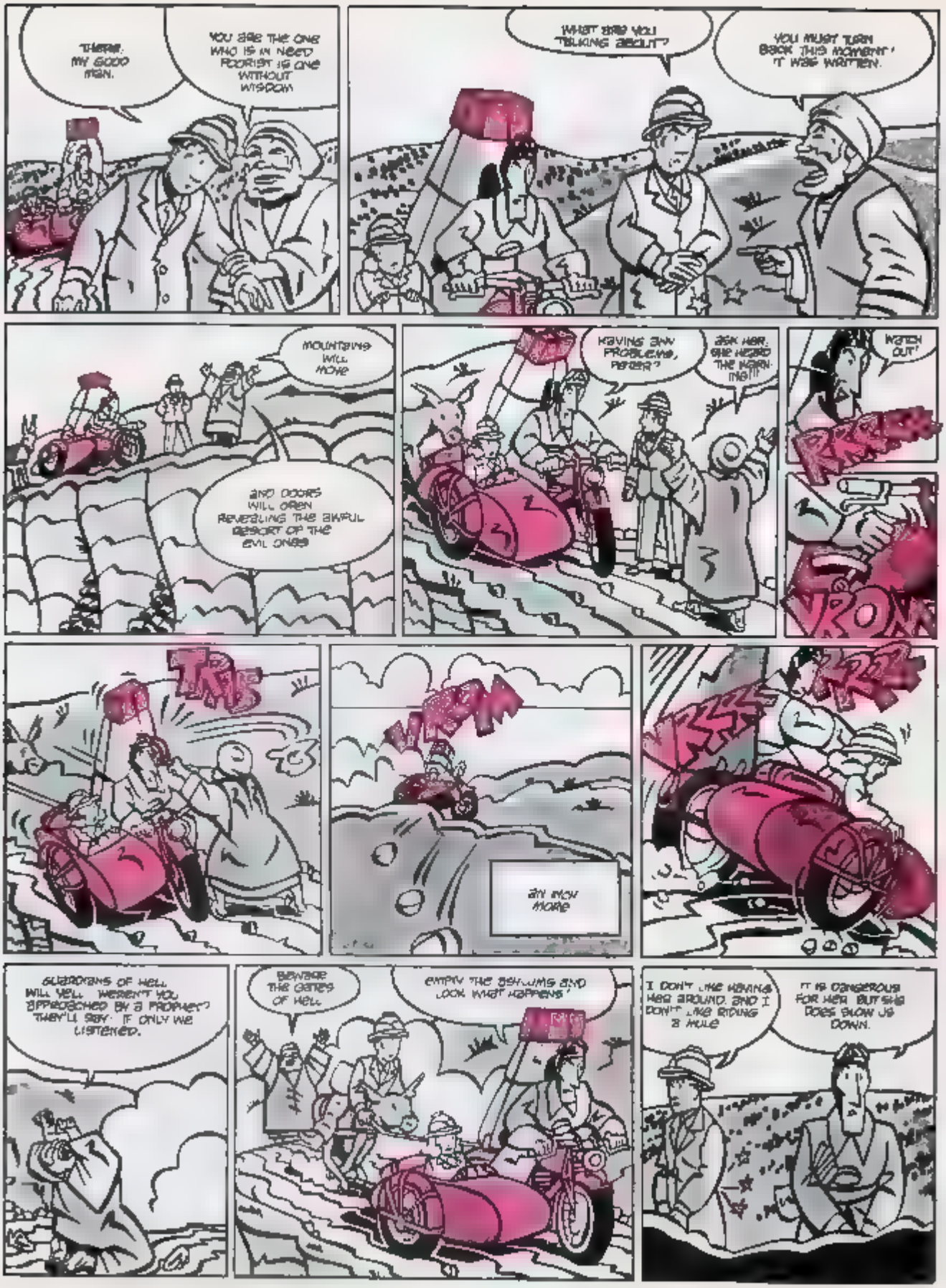
A SANCTUARY IN THE MOUNTAINS? AND WHAT ELSE YOU CAN FIND OUT

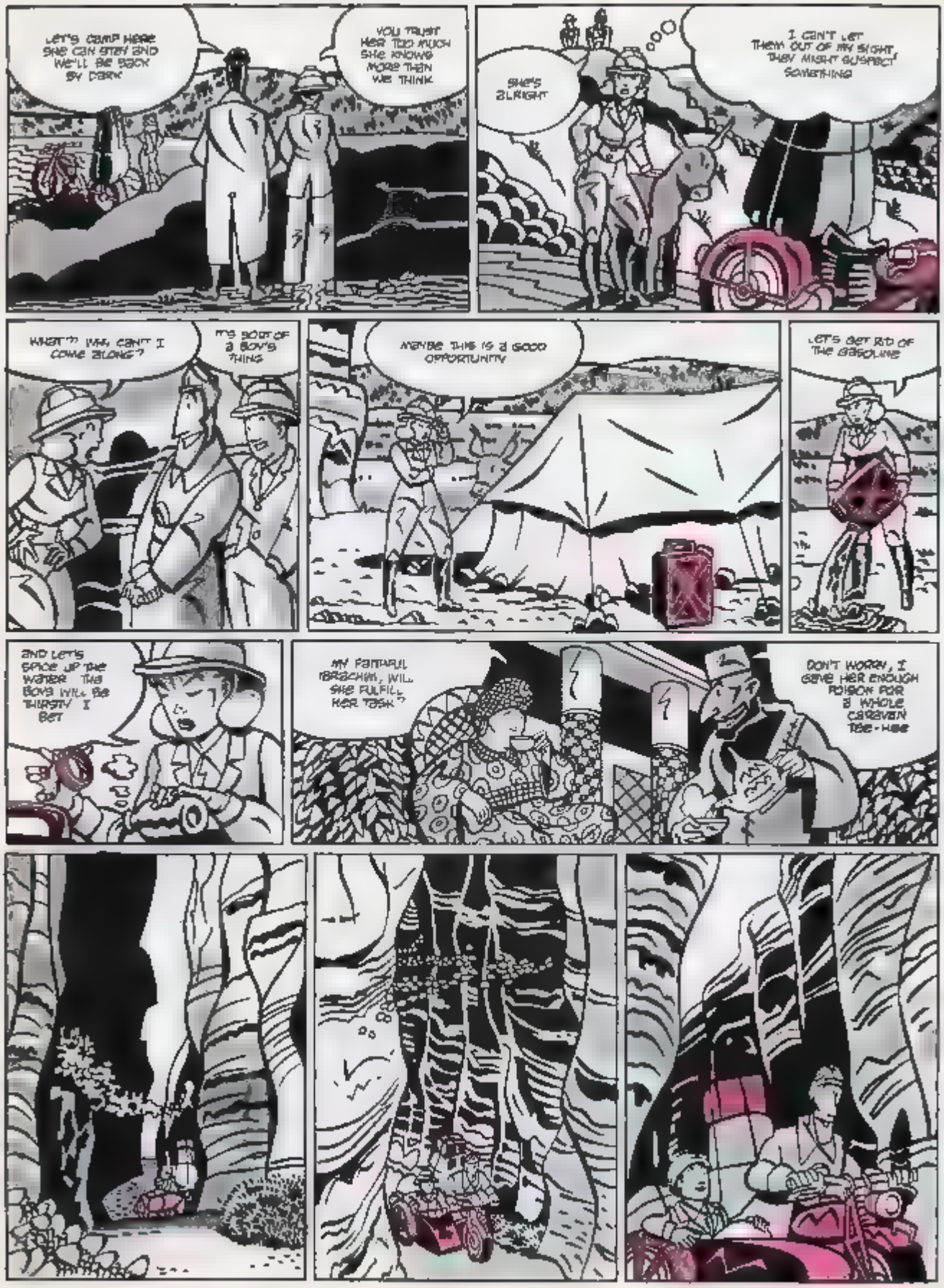
CAFFE!
THERE HE IS THE WHITE SCOUNDREL
WANT TEA IN A CLEAN CUP?
HOW TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR HOSPITALITY FOR A MOMENT?
WANT TEA GIVE YOU BIG LIKE US MUSLIMS ALCOHOL NEVER PASSES YOUR LIPS WORSHIP MAYBE?
I'M QUITE CONTENT WITH MY TEA THANK YOU
ARE YOU HERE ON BUSINESS?
I'M SIGHTSEEING THAT'S ALL
MAYBE YOU NEED A GUIDE? IT'S EASY TO GET LOST
AND SO . . . AREN'T IF WERE SHE'S MY FRIENDS ARE MOST RESPONSIBLE OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU DESIRE? I KNOW WHERE PRETTY WOMEN IN TOWN OR MAYBE YOU PREFER BOYS
YOU TALK A LOT DON'T YOU?
2 THOUSAND PARDONS NOBLE ONE I WANTED ONLY TO BE OF HELP
I'M FINE THANKS
HE IS A HIDE THICK AS LEATHER I OFFER HIM MY HUMBLE SERVICES AND CLEVER CONVERSATIONS YET HE REFUSES ME WE NEED SOME ONE DIABOLICAL YET ENTERPRISING TO FOLLOW HIM
BOOM

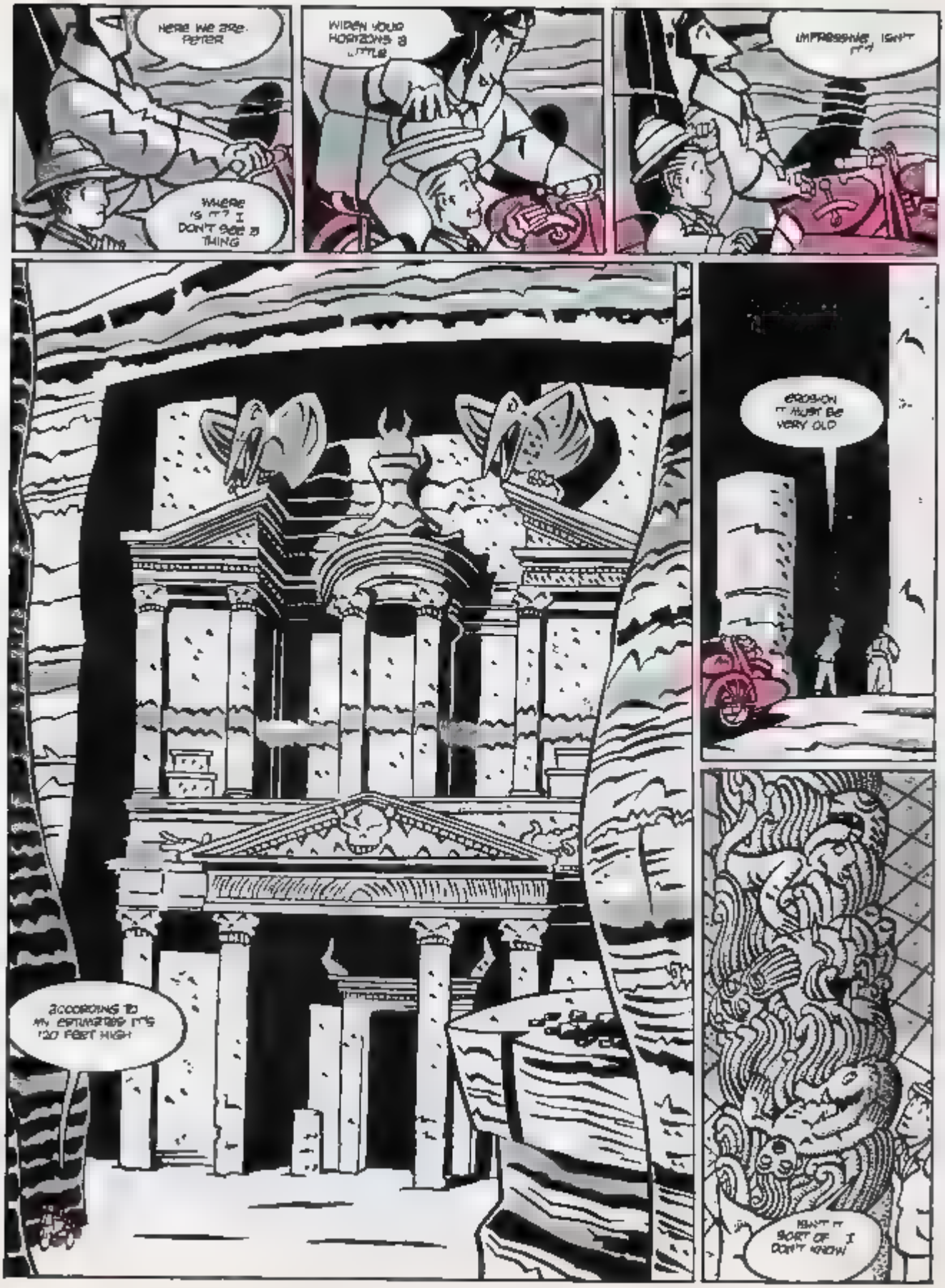
SOMEONE KNOWLEDGE ABLE IN THE ART OF PURSUASION
WE HAVE A DEVIL INCARNATE WHO SAVE OTHERS US
AND AMIDST HEAVY DOWNPOUR AND THE MIDNIGHT HOUR
PROTECT DAUGHTER OF MINE PLEASING CUSTOMERS
THERE IS NO JUSTICE ANYMORE AND OUR SILLY GOVERNMENT PREFERS ON KILLING PEOPLE FOR NO APPARENT REASON
WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU?
BECAUSE YOU SEE A LIAR, A WHORE A MURDERER, AND EVEN WORSE DOESN'T SEE
PLEASE GO ON
YOU CAN ALL BE THEM MORE EASILY NOW... IF THEM LEAD YOU TO THEIR DESTINATION THEN CHECKED THEM IF THERE ARE RICHES WE WILL SPLIT THEM
WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE?
THERE IS A LEGEND OF A SANCTUARY IN THE MOUNTAINS THAT HOLD THE GATES OF HELL
OH?
HE WANTS NO MEN TO CONTROL THE GATES OF HELL BUT HE ALONE
SO?
WELL HE DOESN'T WANT THOSE GATES TO BE OPENED TOO SOON
GATES OF HELL SOME JOKE

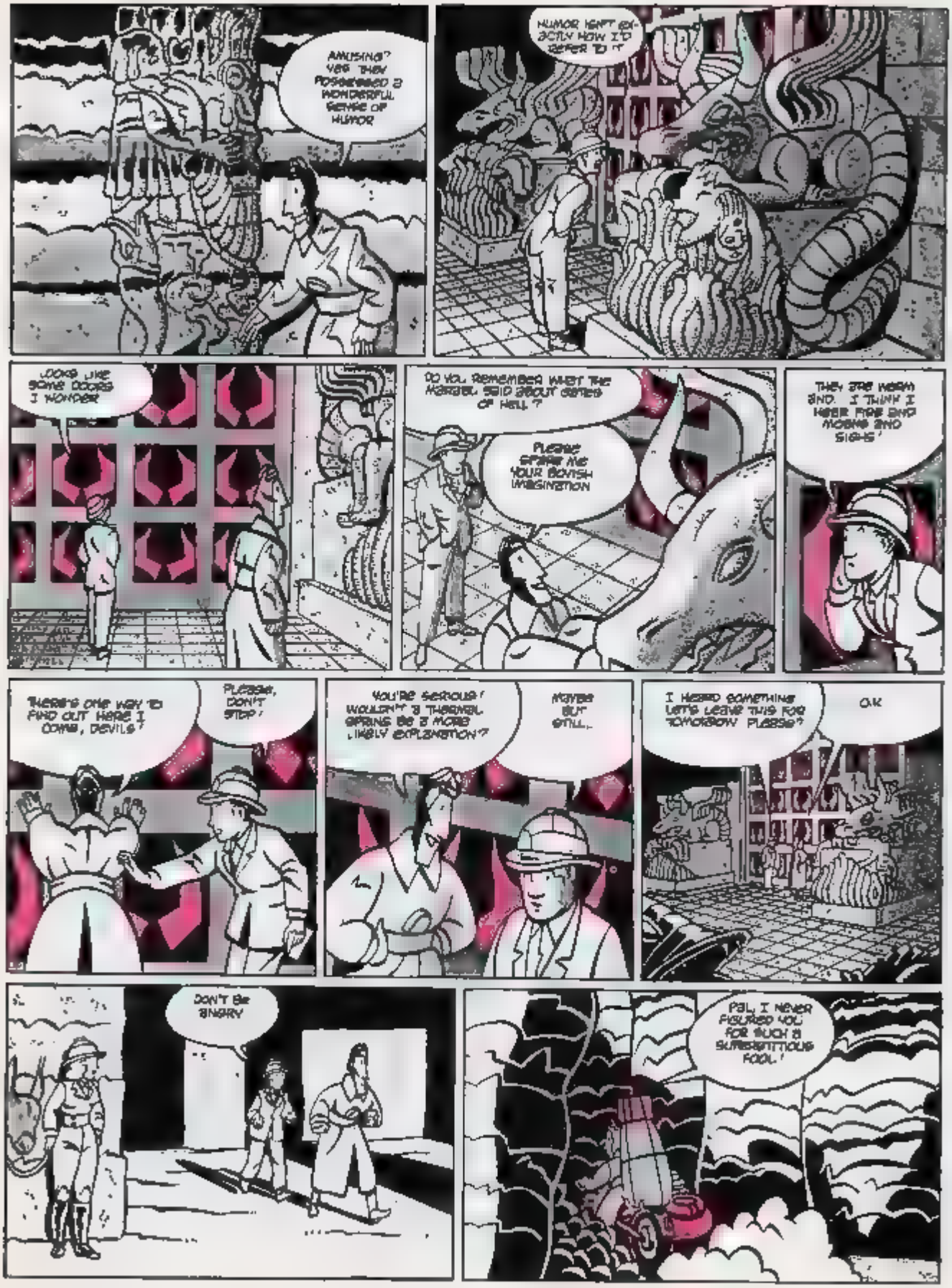

MAYBE AFTER WARDS YOU AND I CAN LAUGH ABOUT IT OVER SOME HASHIS-?
YOU'RE A SHAME I HOPE YOU ROT IN HELL!
I'LL BE GLAD TO ENJOY YOUR COMPANY, MA'AM
TOMORROW...
DO YOU THINK THE SENCTU-BEV'S FROM THE MIDDLE ISLES?
WHO KNOWS? I HAD TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
IT MIGHT BE AN UN-KNOWN CIVILIZA-TION.
OR A KNOWN CIVILIZATION EVERYONE WANTS TO FORGET
IT WILL BE NAMED AFTER ME AND DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE GLAD TO NAME AN ISLAY AFTER YOU
I HOPE NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS. I WANT THIS TO BE THE FIRST
DON'T WORRY HEY, LOOK AT THAT BIRD!
ARE YOU LOST, MA'AM? CAN WE BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE?
I HAVE TO MEET MY HUSBAND'S EXPEDITION
SEARCHING FOR FOSSILS
WHOOOEY! KNOW, WE'RE AN EXPEDITION OUR-SELVES WE'RE
SO IS MY HUSBAND, WHAT A COINCIDENCE
WE COULD TIE YOUR MULE TO OUR MOTORCYCLE WE'LL BE SLOWER BUT YOU'LL BE FASTER
ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU WANT HER TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SANCTUARY?
IT'S JUST A FEW MILES WHERE'S YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARITY?
IS YOUR FRIEND ANGRY WITH ME?
NOT AT ALL. HE LOVES PONY RIDES. DON'T YOU, PETER?
KEH!


WELL, HERE'S WHERE YOUR HUSBAND'S SUPPOSED TO MEET YOU
GOOD, CONNEY SHORTY CONKEY
BON VOYAGE AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I'LL SPEND THE NIGHT HERE.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND?
IT SEEMS HE DIDN'T WANT ME NEED A LITTLE QUARREL
THERE THERE.
WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE HERE ISN'T THAT SO PETER? PETER?
SEEMS A NICE PLACE
I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU OUT MORE THAN ALREADY HAVE.
BRUTE!
WAIT UP!
OHHHH.
NOW IMAGINE IF YOU WERE ON YOUR OWN
MAKE THIS DECLARATION! MEN WORKED FOR HIS DISASTER!
OH, UNFAITHFUL! I WON'T CHERISH WHAT YOU CHERISH AND YOU WON'T CHERISH WHAT I SAY!
IT'S A SAINT MAN, "HARD BY" AS THEY CALL THEM
WHEN THE SKY POPS SHUT, WHEN DEAD EMERGE FROM GRAVES.
BE A SPORT, TOSS HIM A COIN, PETER OTHERWISE HE'LL NEVER STOP


THERE, MY GOOD MAN.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS IN NEED. FOOLISH IS ONE WITHOUT WISDOM
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU MUST TURN BACK THIS MOMENT! IT WAS WRITTEN.
MOUNTAINS WILL MOVE
AND DOORS WILL OPEN REVEALING THE AWFUL REPORT OF THE EVIL ONES
HAVING ANY PROBLEMS, PETER?
ASK HER. SHE HEARD THE WARNING!!!
WATCH OUT!
KRAK
VROOM
TAIS
VROOM
ANY MORE
KRAK
KLLL
GUARDIANS OF HELL WILL YELL. WEREN'T YOU APPROACHED BY A PROPHET? THEY'LL SAY. IF ONLY WE LISTENED.
BEWARE THE GATES OF HELL
EMPTY THE BASHUMS AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS!
I DON'T LIKE HAVING HER AROUND. AND I DON'T LIKE RIDING A MULE
IT IS DANGEROUS FOR HER BUT SHE DOES SLOW US DOWN.


LET'S CAMP HERE SHE CAN STAY AND WE'LL BE BACK BY DARK
YOU TRUST HER TOO MUCH SHE KNOWS MORE THEN WE THINK
SHE'S ALRIGHT
I CAN'T LET THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT, THEY MIGHT SUSPECT SOMETHING
WHAT?! WHY CAN'T I COME ALONG?
IT'S SORT OF A BOY'S THING
MAYBE THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY
LET'S GET RID OF THE GASOLINE
AND LET'S SPICE UP THE WATER THE BOYS WILL BE THIRSTY I BET
MY FAITHFUL IBRAHIM, WILL SHE FULFILL HER TASK?
DON'T WORRY, I GAVE HER ENOUGH POISON FOR A WHOLE CARAVAN TOO - HEE

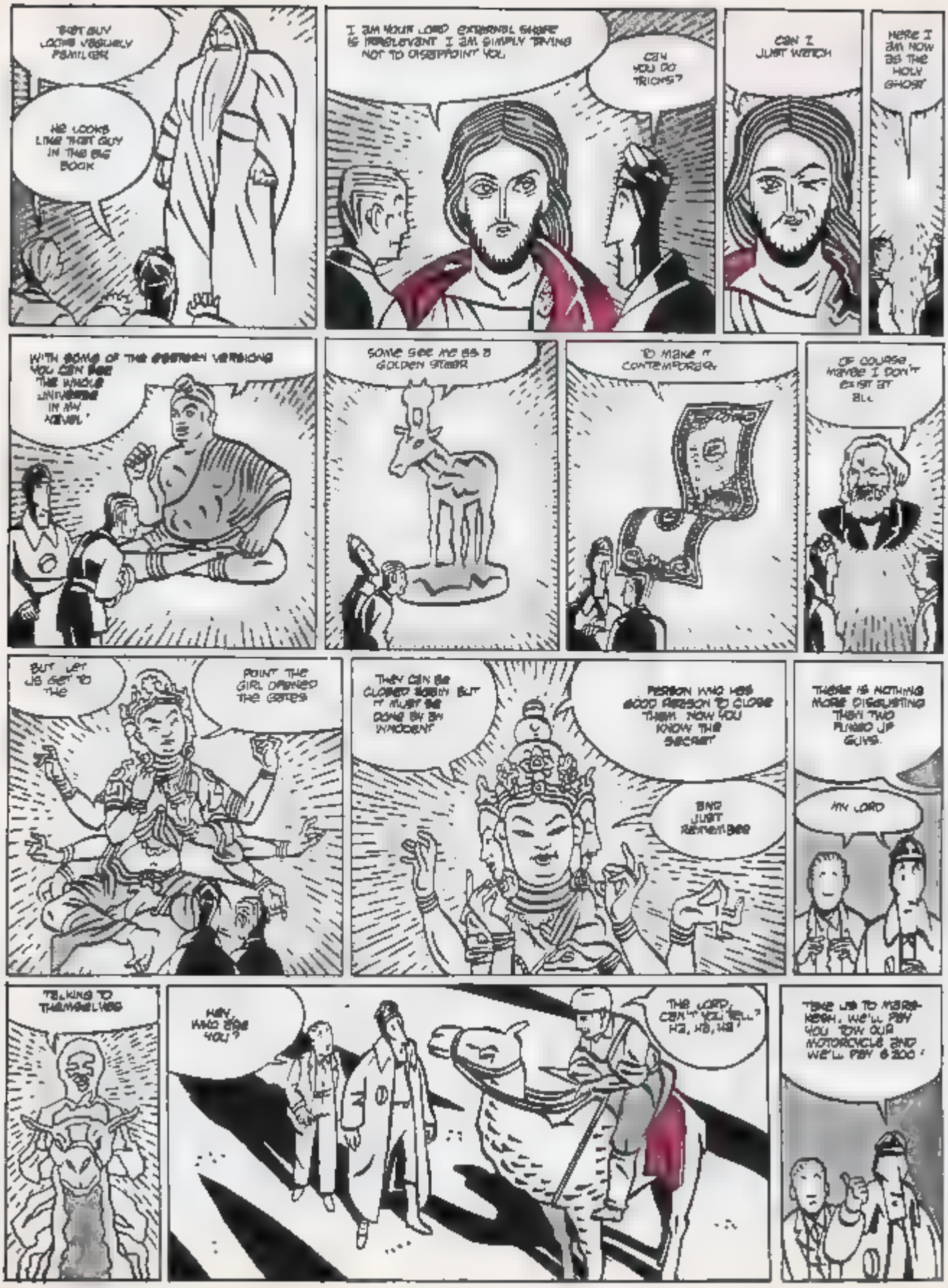

HERE WE ARE, PETER
WHERE IS IT? I DON'T SEE A THING
WIDEN YOUR HORIZONS A LITTLE
IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?
EROSION IT MUST BE VERY OLD
ACCORDING TO MY ESTIMATES IT'S 120 FEET HIGH
WHAT IT SORT OF... I DON'T KNOW

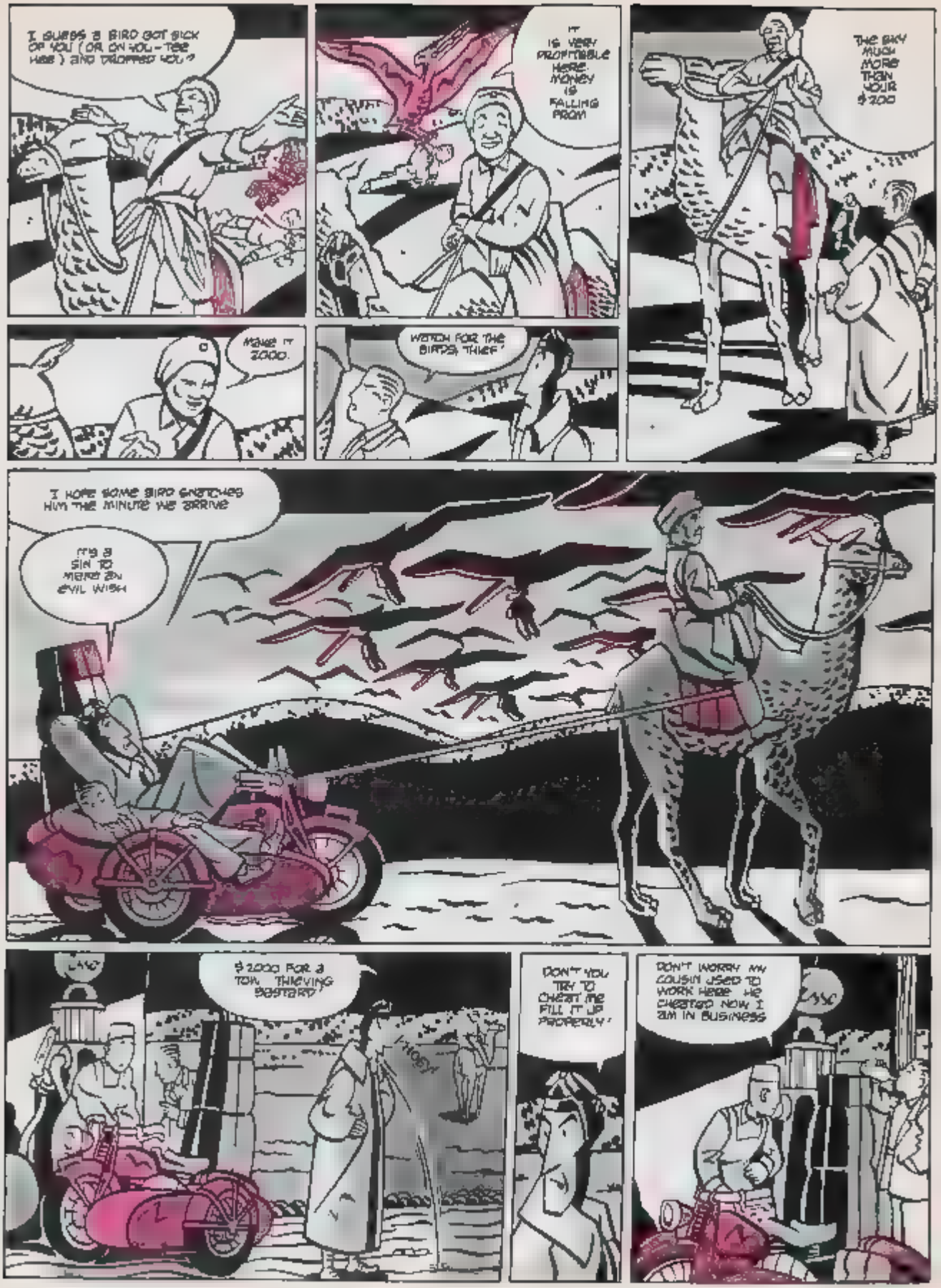

AMUSING? YES! THEY POSSESSED A WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOR
HUMOR ISN'T EXACTLY HOW I'D REFER TO IT
LOOKS LIKE SOME DOORS I WONDER
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THE MARSHAL SAID ABOUT GATES OF HELL?
PLEASE SPARE ME YOUR BOYISH IMAGINATION
THEY ARE HEAVY AND... I THINK I HEAR FIRE AND MOANS AND SIGHS!
THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT HERE I COME, DEVILS!
PLEASE, DON'T STOP!
YOU'RE SERIOUS! WOULDN'T A THERMAL OPENING BE A MORE LIKELY EXPLANATION?
MAYBE BUT STILL...
I HEARD SOMETHING LET'S LEAVE THIS FOR TOMORROW PLEASE?
O.K.
DON'T BE ANGRY
PAL, I NEVER FIGURED YOU FOR SUCH A SUPERSTITIOUS FOOL!

SO, THIS IS WHAT THOSE CRETINS CALL GATES OF HELL!
BZZ
IT WAS 6:30 WHEN MIKI OPENED THE GATES OF HELL
AND AT 6:31 HELL BIRDS EMBARKED.
DO YOU HEAR THAT? LIKE GIANT WINGS?
MAYBE THE DEVILS ARE AFTER YOU.
OH, WISE ONE, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOMEONE OPENS THE GATES OF HELL?
HELL BIRDS WOULD TAKE SINNERS TO THE ETERNAL FIRES THAT AWAITS US.
!!!
ARRK
GIANT BIRDS REACHED THE REMOTEST SPOTS OF EARTH

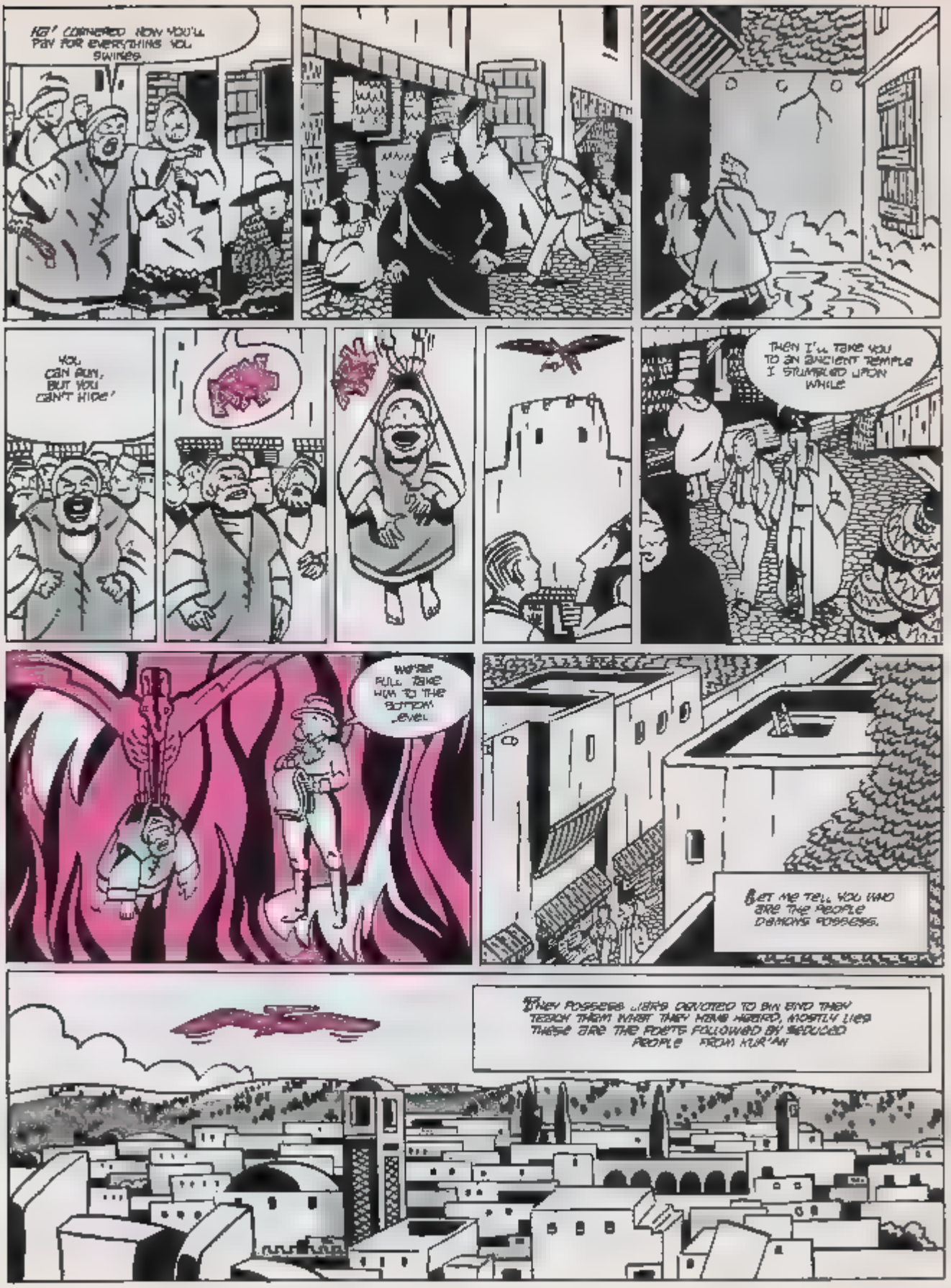
SNATCHING LITTLE
SORRY, WIDOW JONES, I WON'T GIVE YOU CREDIT
AND SO
SOMEONE WILL PAY FOR THIS!
SHHHH
SHE'S NOT IN HER TENT AND THE MULE IS GONE
SO IS THE GOSSUNS TIN ALL HER DOING!
NEVER SEE HER KIDNAPPED, OR KILLED.
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT WE HERE ENOUGH GOLD AND MONEY FOR TEA.
IT SURE SMELLS NICE LIKE SLIMONS
GENUINE ENGLISH TEA. A CURATIVE FOR NERVES AND WHATEVER ELSE AILS YOU
I FEEL BETTER ALREADY
OH
WAIT!? THAT
MY GOODNESS. THE REMING GOLD FOUNTAIN PENS.
DO DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
S--S BIRDS SO I DID HEAR THEM!

HEY DOGS DAMN YOU FOR OPENING THE GATES OF HELL!
REPENT, BRAHIM. ALLAH WILL FORGIVE US.
WE DIDN'T OPEN THE GATES.
THEN THAT FRENCH WHORE DID. I HOPE SHE POISONED YOU!
DEAR GODS DAMN THESE BIRDS
PRAY, IBRAHIM!
POISON! THAT'S WHY THE TEA TASTED LIKE ALMONDS
WHAT A HORRIBLE WASTE OF PERFECTLY GOOD TEA!
NEVER MIND THAT, VOMIT OUT THE POISON!
BLEH. KEH
IT'S NO USE. YOU CAN'T THROW UP TWO SPOONS OF LIQUID WE NEED WATER
I FEEL SORT OF DIZZY
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I HAVE NO POWER
WELCOME HUMANS!
H HELLO.


THAT GUY LOOKS VAGUELY FAMILIAR
HE LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY IN THE BIG BOOK
I AM YOUR LORD. EXTERNAL SHAPE IS IRRELEVANT. I AM SIMPLY TRYING NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOU.
CAN YOU DO TRICKS?
CAN I JUST WATCH
HERE I AM NOW AS THE HOLY GHOST
WITH SOME OF THE EASTERN VERSIONS YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE IN MY NAVEL.
SOME SEE ME AS A GOLDEN STEER
TO MAKE IT CONTEMPORARY.
OF COURSE MAYBE I DON'T EXIST AT ALL
BUT LET US GET TO THE
POINT THE GIRL DRANKED THE COFFEE
THEY CAN BE CLOSED AGAIN BUT IT MUST BE DONE BY AN INNOCENT
PERSON WHO HAS A GOOD REASON TO CLOSE THEM. NOW YOU KNOW THE SECRET
AND JUST REMEMBER
THERE IS NOTHING MORE DISGUSTING THAN TWO FUNNED UP GUYS.
MY LORD
TALKING TO THEMSELVES
HEY, WHO ARE YOU?
THE LORD, CAN'T YOU TELL? HA, HA, HA!
TAKE US TO MARRAKESH, WE'LL PAY YOU TOW OUR MOTORCYCLE AND WE'LL PAY 6 200!


I GUESS A BIRD GOT SICK OF YOU (OR ON YOU - TEE HEE) AND DROPPED YOU."
IT IS VERY PROFITABLE HERE. MONEY IS FALLING FROM
THE SKY MUCH MORE THAN YOUR $200
MAKE IT 2000.
WATCH FOR THE BIRDS, THIEF!
I HOPE SOME BIRD SNATCHES HIM THE MINUTE WE ARRIVE
IT'S A SIN TO WISH AN EVIL WISH
$2000 FOR A TOW THIEVING BASTARD!
DON'T YOU TRY TO CHEAT ME FILL IT UP PROPERLY!
DON'T WORRY MY COUSIN USED TO WORK HERE. HE CHEATED NOW I AM IN BUSINESS

PIUS IN CAGE
BIRDS AFRIC
VANISH


HA! CORNERED NOW YOU'LL PAY FOR EVERYTHING YOU SWINDLED
YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!
THEN I'LL TAKE YOU TO AN ANCIENT TEMPLE I STUMBLED UPON WHILE
WE'RE FULL. TAKE HIM TO THE BOTTOM LEVEL
LET ME TELL YOU WHO ARE THE PEOPLE DEMONS POSSESS.
THEY POSSESS LIARS DEVOTED TO SIN AND THEY TEACH THEM WHAT THEY HEARD HARSH, MOSTLY LIES THESE ARE THE POETS FOLLOWED BY SEDUCED PEOPLE FROM KUR'AN

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THE CIPHER
BY BRAD TEARE

Continued on my journey to the Art Museum
The meaning of the jewels daggers and weird symbols became more and more clear to me
But suddenly I could decipher the gestalt, the subliminal significance of
I arrived at the Museum totally awe of the understanding that had suddenly and inexplicably come over me
As I went from painting to painting it dawned on me that they contained the same kind of cryptic shorthand

Contained n these works were not only all the important ph losoph ca developments of modern society
There were even answers to as yet unposed questions
False k chatom es tell from my eyes like scales
The dua ty of Man multiplied nto p ura ities
It was then I first noticed a guard looking at me susp c ously
I gotta get out o here!
I broke nut n a co d sweat
I passed the Museum Directors door wh ch was s ghtly ajar
How cou d he have figured t out!
He wasn't here long enough!
overwhelmed by t n I retraced my steps
Life no longer eemed so r my e to me
DO
DONT
Every act was fraught w.th mora dec s on

Past ng the French Cafe I'd v s ted ear ier, I rea zed I was famished I went in for some nourishment
RING!
It was the woman I'd met that morning
Can you come over to my p ace?
I could really use your he p
I wrote down her address
I was n the gr p of dest ny
Quest an ng why at th s po nt was futi e
walking across town I felt someone fol owing me Though I never saw anyone's d rect gaze
when I entered the side street leading to her apartment I was totally frazzled
A man sat in the street sketching faint outlines in chalk
Another ph losopher unraveling the meaning of the universe I wondered?

I remembered four flights of stairs
Hello?
The place seemed deserted
I crept out of my quarters
Then I saw her
My body reeled and stumbled backward rebelling from my mind like a diseased ant servant
My mind was
CRASH!
Suddenly it was very clear to me
WHAM!

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DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD THOSE KINDS OF POWERS
?
WHAT NOW ?
LET THE OBJECTS HAVE THEIR EFFECT
GOOD NIGHT !
GOD BLESS YOU !

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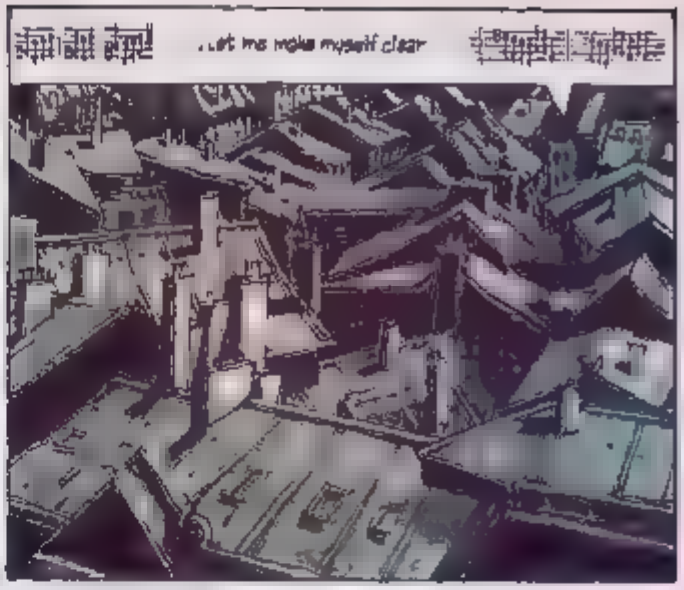
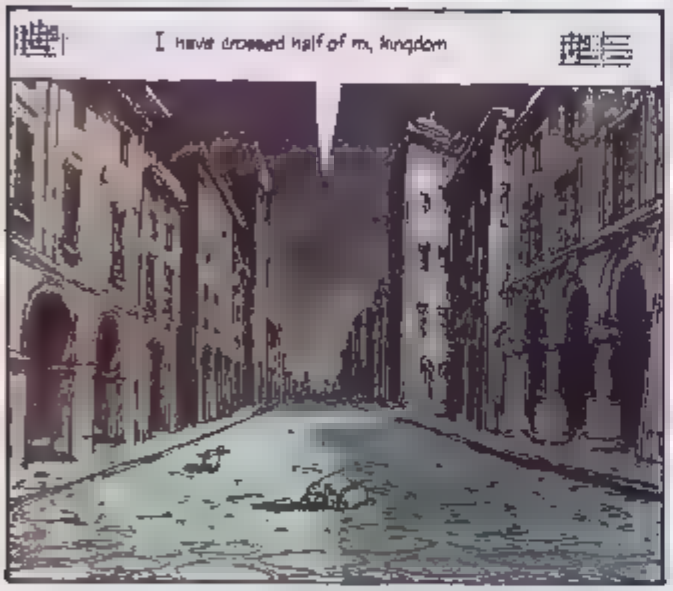
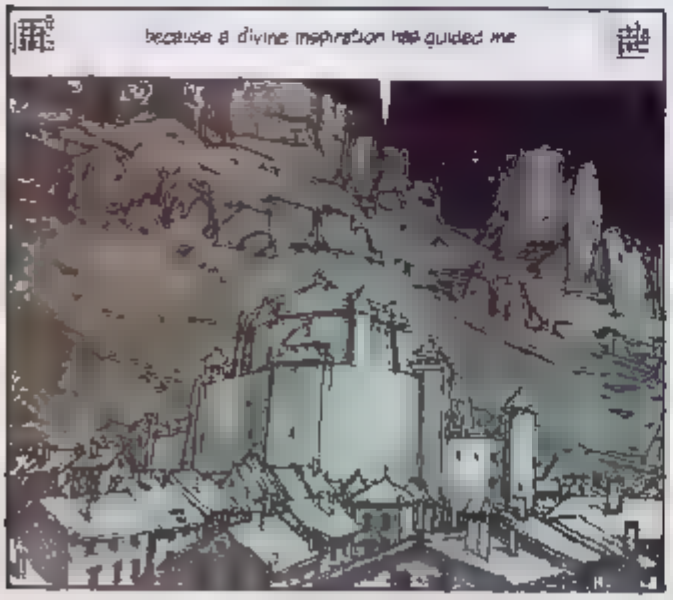

...let me make myself clear


I have crossed half of my kingdom

To reach this miserable village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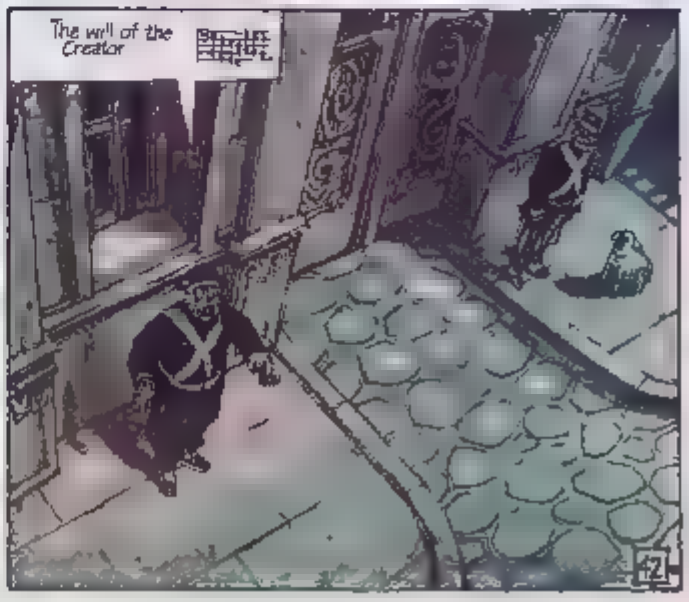
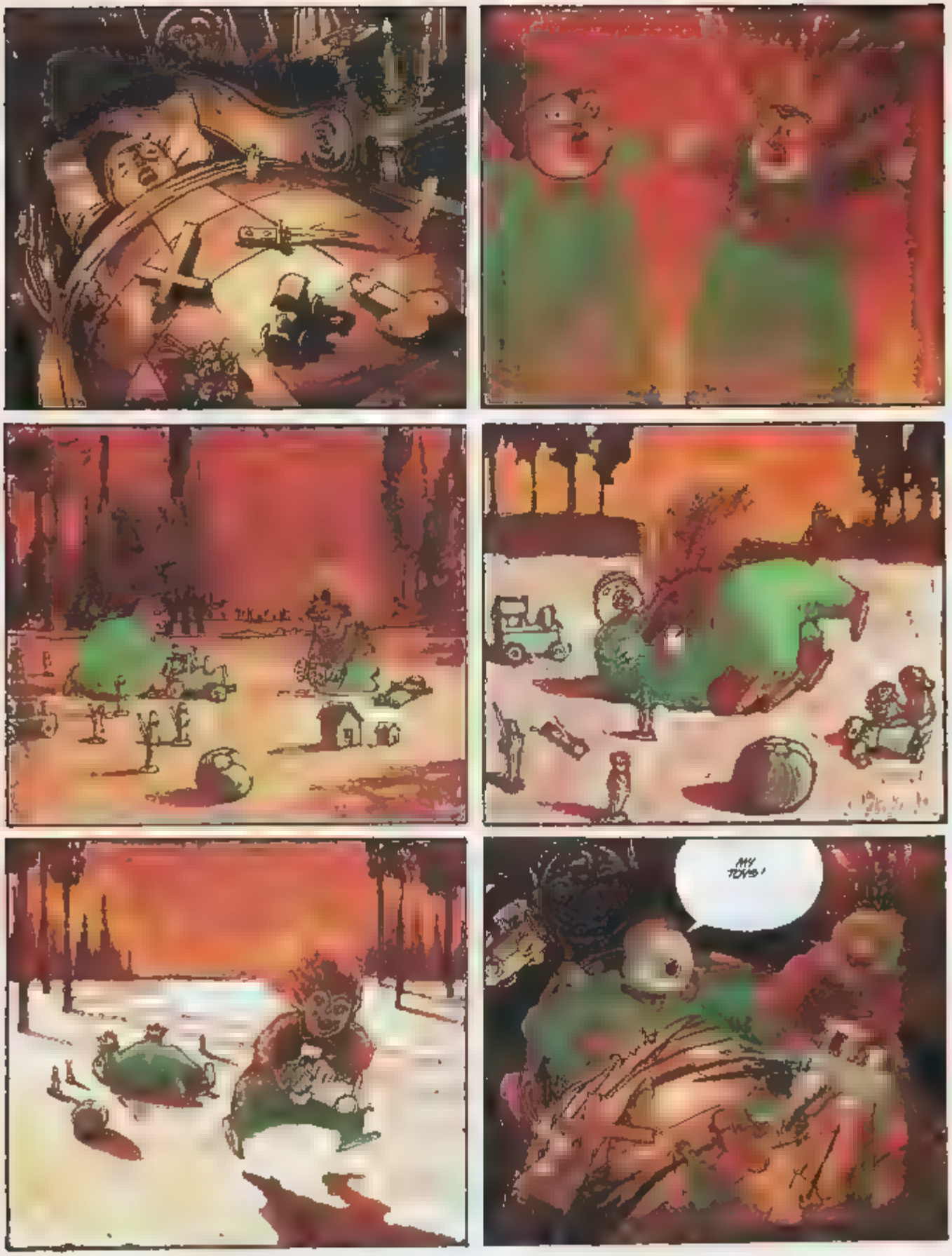

The will of the Creator


MY TOYS!

GIVE ME BACK MY TOYS YOU LITTLE SCUM!
THESE ARE NOT TOYS FOR A GIRL
IT'S A MIRACLE HE'S TALKING
HE'S FOUND HIS VOICE! IT'S A MIRACLE
MOTHER, WHY DO YOU DRESS ME LIKE A BOY AND WHY DOES SHE HAVE A BOY'S TOY? WHY DO YOU DRESS ME UP LIKE A GIRL?
COME, COME WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT WAS A DREAM, FOLIGATTO
LEAVE ME ALONE, YOU MONSTER WHO PROCREATED ME!
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HEAVENS! YOU SPEAK WITH HER VOICE!
AHHH AH
WHAT VOICE? THIS VOICE THAT SOUNDS LIKE A CAT IN HEAT?
IT'S YOUR POOR SISTER'S VOICE!
AH!
WHAT SISTER ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T HAVE A SISTER
YOU KILLED HER!
MOTHER YOU AND YOUR DISGUSTING HUSBAND HAVE BEEN HIDING TOO MANY THINGS FROM ME
HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR DEAD FATHER!
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME EVERYTHING!
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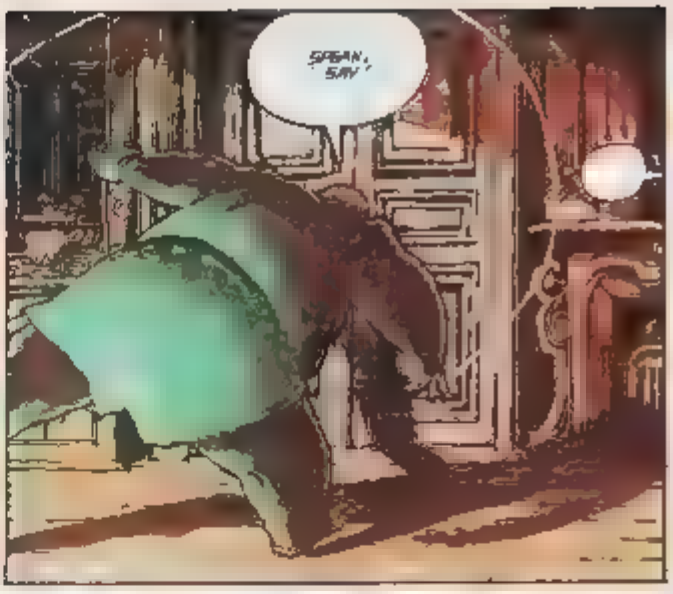
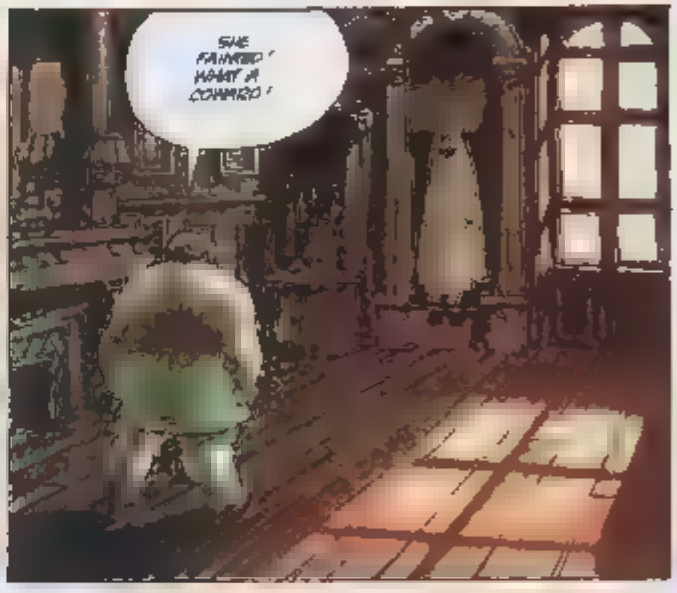
GO ON! WHO IS MY SISTER? AND WHERE IS SHE?
PUT ME DOWN
YOU MUST TELL ME, OLD WITCH!
NO! STOP THAT
FOLIGATTO! PLEASE STOP THIS!
YOUR SISTER IS IN THE ECCENHILO BARRACKS...
SHE... THEY HAVE CONDEMNED HER TO DEATH. THEY ARE GOING TO.
WHY?
SHE LOST HER HEAD. SHE WAS A GARRISON COMMANDER SHE KILLED A FEW SOLDIERS WHO DIDN'T FOLLOW HER ORDERS. SHE'S AN OFFICER IN THE ARMY

WHY DID YOU HIDE HER FROM ME ?
CARISA


SPEAK, SAY !


SHE FAINTED ! WHAT A COWARD !

STOP
TAKE ME TO THE ARMY BARRACKS, ON SWIFT CHA, ROAD!
JESUS CHRIST! IT'S FOLIGATTO!
YOU'VE FOUND YOUR VOICE! AND THE LORD BE PRAISED!
YOUR VOICE DOES SOUND STRANGE THOUGH!
IT SOUNDS LIKE A WOMAN'S VOICE!
SHUT UP AND GO FASTER!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE
ARE YOU GOING TO SING TONIGHT?
PUTRID BIRDS!
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CASEFINE
STOP! RIGHT THERE!
HARRIS IS THE GENERAL?
We're off
my friends toward that
magic mountain
YOU DARE SPEAK TO ME WITH AN OWN VOICE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?
STOP!
TAKE ME TO THE GENERAL HARRIS IS SHE?
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT!
WHAT?
SHE WAS ARRESTED AFTER SHE KILLED SEVEN OFFICERS...
THEY HAD REFUSED TO FOLLOW HER ORDERS

SHE WAS MUCH TOO AUTHORITARIAN!
...AND ASKED TOO MUCH OF THE SOLDIERS
BLINDED BY HER POWER, WE WERE VERY AFRAID OF
THEY SHE LOST HER HEAD..
WE SHUT HER UP IN THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, BUT SHE KILLED THE NURSES SO THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL CONDEMNED HER TO DEATH
SHE WILL BE EXECUTED THIS AFTERNOON
TO COINCIDE WITH THE END OF THE CARNIVAL
SHE'S IN HERE
OPEN
TAKE OFF HER HANDCUFFS

CALM DOWN!
IT'S ME POLIGATTO!
BE GENTLE
STOP THAT! ENOUGH ALREADY! LOOK AT ME NOW!
Toward those unexplored peaks
OH YOUR LITTLE BROTHER
POLIGATTO DO YOU REMEMBER
MY VOICE IS IN YOU AND YOURS IS IN ME

Oh ignorant people, I will direct my strong body,
Full of life
BLESS YOU. DON'T VENT YOUR RAGE ON THAT INNOCENT MAN
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR MARRIED LIFE OUR PARENTS (THOSE REVOLTING PEOPLE) DECIDED TO PLAN THEIR PROGENIES
THEIR PLAN WAS SIMPLE
A BOY WAS TO BE BORN FIRST, AND FOLLOW A GLORIOUS MILITARY CAREER ..
THEN A DAUGHTER WOULD BE BORN WHO WOULD BECOME A FAMOUS OPERA SINGER
The voyage will be long and riddled with pitfalls ...
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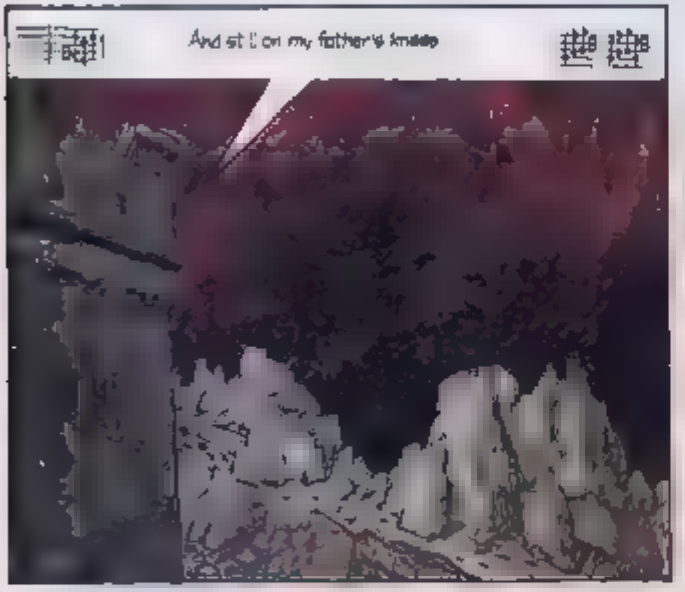
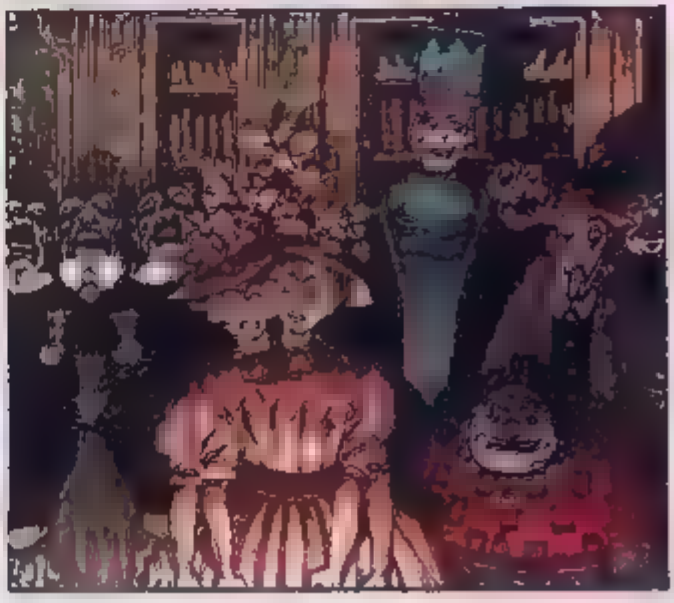
ALAS! YOU WERE BORN FIRST
OUR ROLES WERE REVERSED.
It all started when I was very young

BUT THE PLAN WAS FOLLOWED WITHOUT HESITATION


And sit I on my father's knees

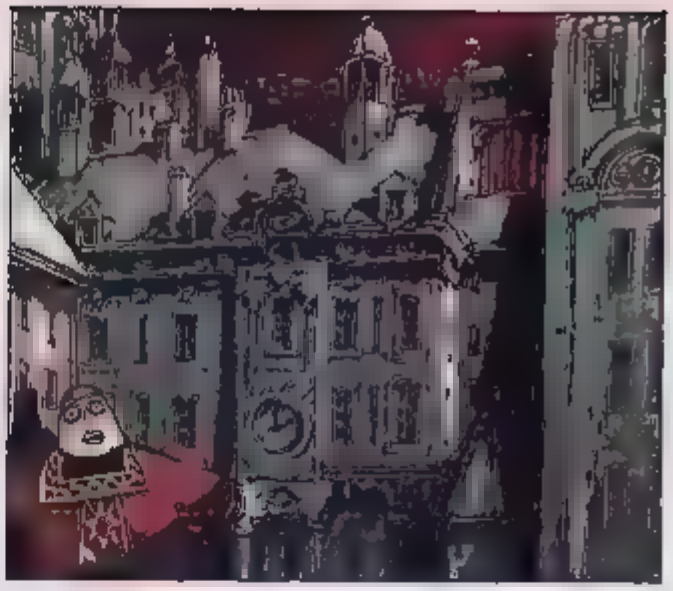
ALL IS READY, SIR

POLIGRATO'S FAMILY IS WAITING FOR YOU NEXT DOOR
VERY WELL



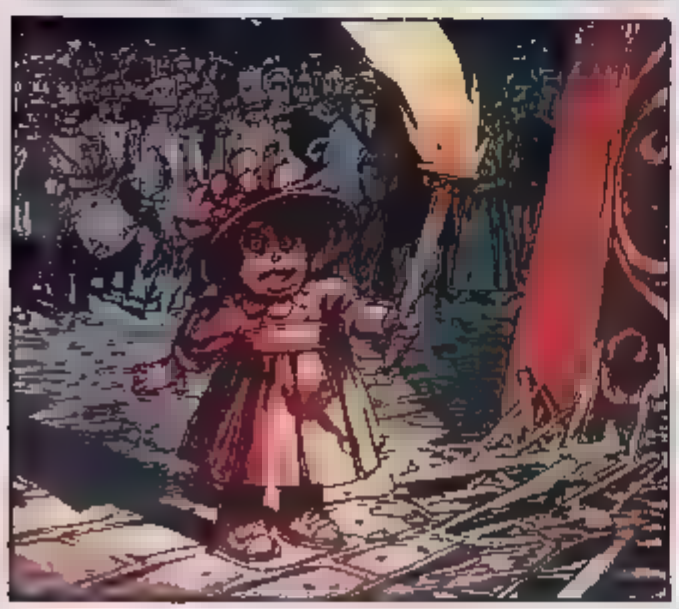
MY DEAR FRIENDS PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT AM VERY SAD BECAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED
WE'RE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR FOLISATTO AND FOR THE CRIMINAL WHO KILLED HIS PARENTS
A HORRIBLE CRIME!
?
GREAT GOOD
FOLISATTO IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY AN OFFICER IN THE ECCHYMILO BARRACKS... THIS OFFICER IS SLIGHTLY DERANGED
THE GENERAL
DO YOU KNOW HER? THAT WOMAN IS CRAZY! SHE HAS A VERY DISTORTED VIEW OF DISCIPLINE, AND AN ALMOST ANARTICAL APPROACH TO PUNISHMENT

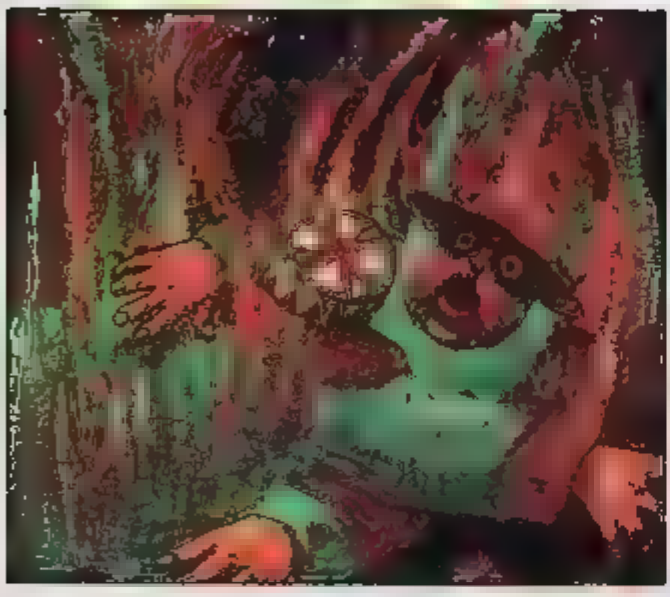
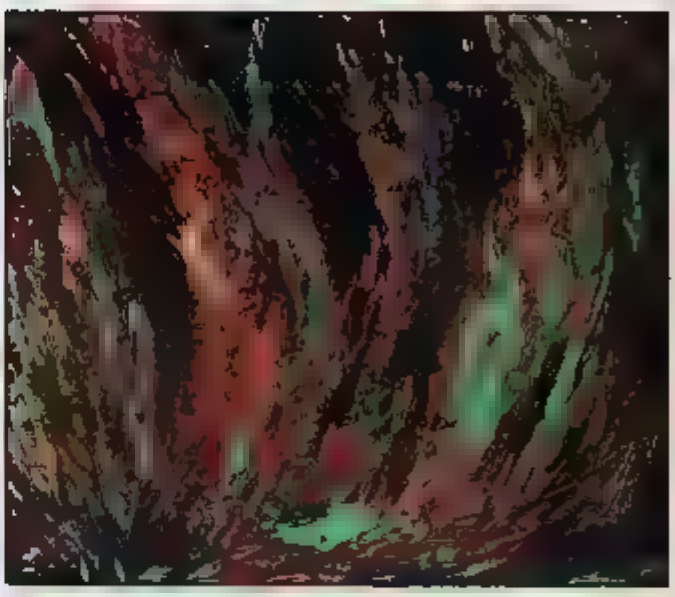
WE'RE GOING TO DO ALL WE CAN TO SAVE FOLIGATTO BUT IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE TO END THIS SINISTER CARNIVAL
WE HAVE TO GO TO THE CITY HALL RIGHT AWAY TO PRESIDE OVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY!

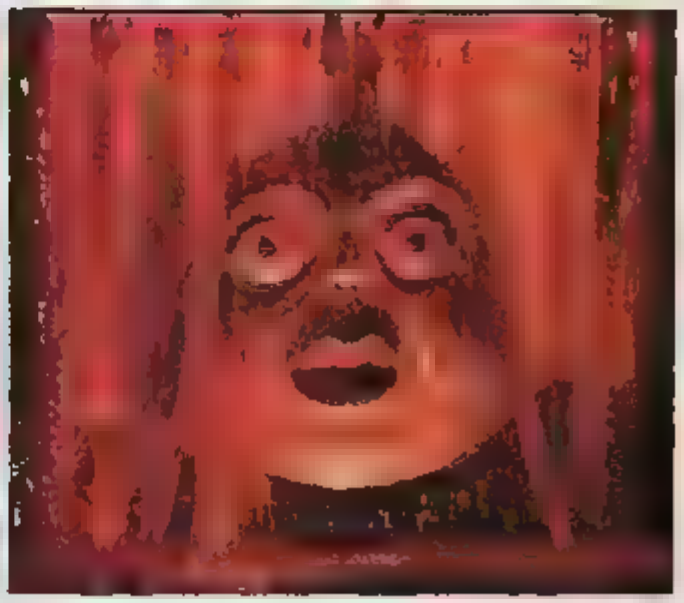


THE LAST MOMENTS OF THE CARNIVAL

WHICH IS GOING TO END IN A BLAZE BY SETTING FIRE TO THE GROTESQUE IMAGE OF THE KING





FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

HEY, IT'S BURNING!
LIKE A PACK OF MATCHES!

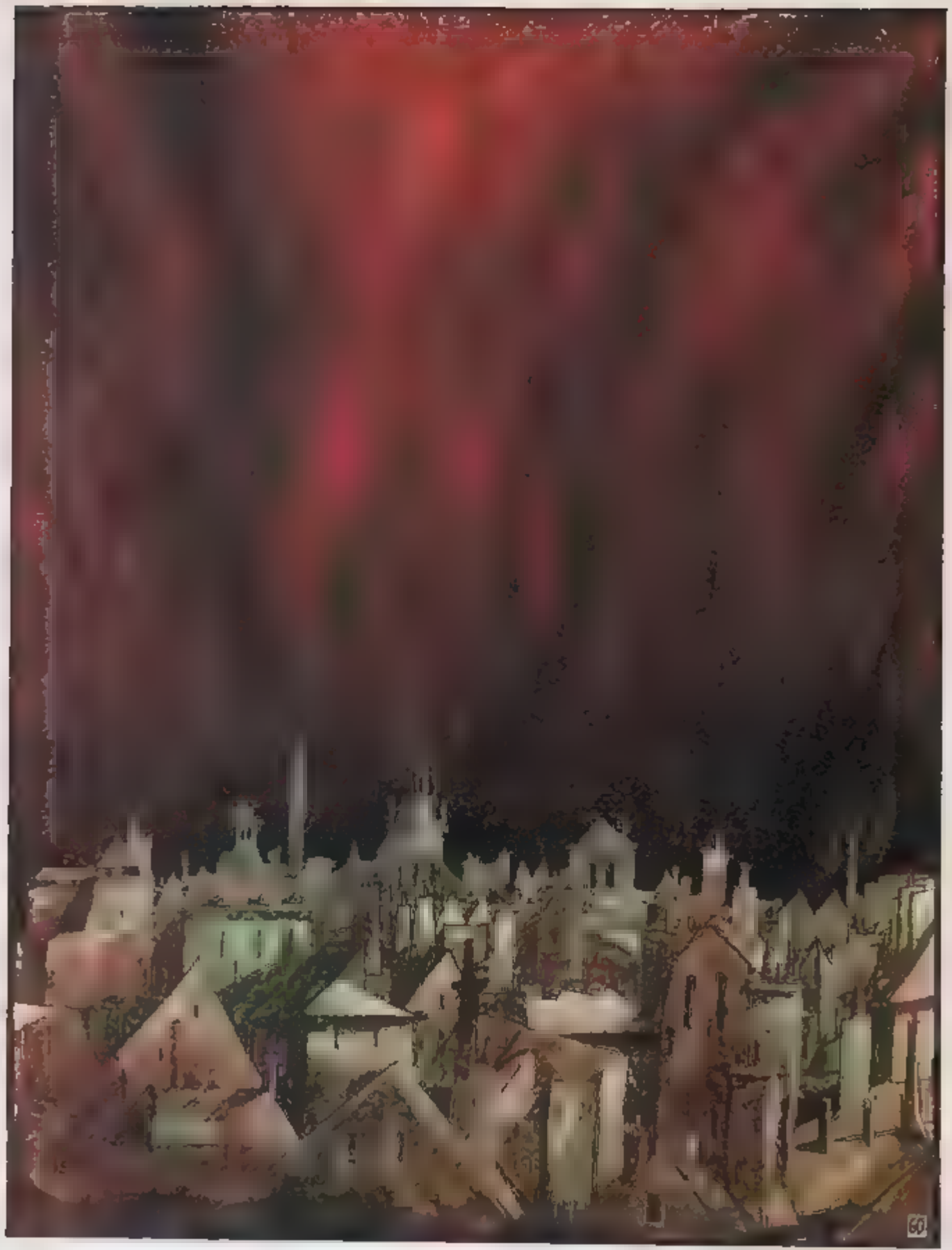
A FIRE OF STRAW!
NOTHING IS LEFT OF THEM!

BELIEVE ME... AM NOT A SUPERSTITIOUS MAN BUT I AM SURE THERE IS A CURSE UPON THIS CITY
THE ENTIRE FAMILY BURNED TO A CRISP IN A FEW SECONDS!

LOOKS LIKE THE FAMILY WAS CURSED
IT'S THE EVIL EYE BELIEVE ME!

HEY THERE LITTLE ONE
DON'T GO SO CLOSE
IT'S DANGER-OUS
THE ARK IS NOT COMPLETELY OUT YET
WHAT A PRETTY BOX! YOU FOUND IT THERE? BAH! I SEE IT?
CLICK

Let me make myself clear
village
I have created half of my kingdom
because a divine inspiration has guided me
To reach this miserable
Let the will of God be done



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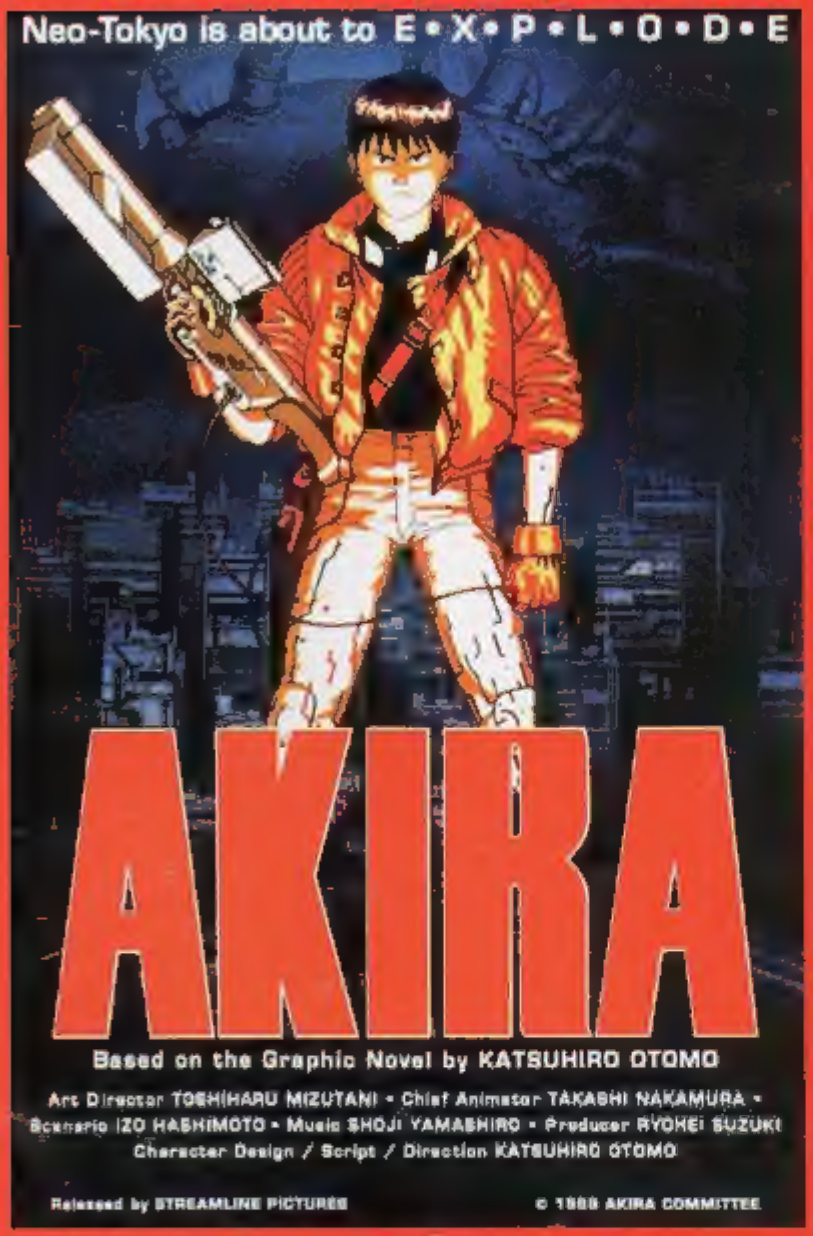
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